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THE GREAT STATE FRAUDS.

LATEST ASPECT OF THE SITUATION IN ALBANY.

AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF POLITICIANS PASSING SUNDAY AT THE CAPITAL—IMPORTANT ACTION OF GOV. TILDEN—WHAT WAS ACTUALLY DONE BY THE LEGISLATURE ON THE COMMISSION RESOLUTION — A MISUNDERSTANDING—A PLAN DEVELOPING TO OVERLOAD THE COMMISSION OR BALANCE IT WITH COUNTER-INFLUENCES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 28.—The capital is extremely quiet to-night, notwithstanding the fact that there are in the city a larger number of prominent members of the Legislature than on any previous Sunday of the session. Among them are Senators Lord, Wood, Selkreg, Cole, and Bradley; Speaker McGuire, Davis, and other members of the Assembly. There has been considerable caucusing and consultation, and with it a great deal of seriousness evident on the minds of those most directly concerned in the canal controversy.

THE GOVERNOR ACTING WITH ENERGY AND PROMPTITUDE.

Gov. Tilden has been quite retired to-day, taking rest preparatory to the coming excitements of the week, but that he is not neglecting the main question—the prompt pushing of all measures to insure thorough and early action on the whole canal subject—is evident from the untiring activity which he manifested during the past week. One of his last acts in relation to this great popular movement was completed yesterday, when he dispatched two engineers to make a close examination of the present condition of contract work on the Erie Canal. The engineers are men of large practical experience, thoroughly versed in the details of canal construction, repairs, and the contract system generally. Neither of them is at present interested in canal affairs outside of the duties with which they are now intrusted, and an impartial, exhaustive, and thorough report will be made. Their mission relates mainly to the way in which existing contracts are being carried out, and will embrace, among others, the contract awarded to Horace Candee in October, 1874, which was printed in THE TIMES of Thursday last. That contract was for the building of the slope on the Jordan Level, near Syracuse, and comparatively little work has yet been done on it. So the inquirers will have an opportunity of judging, first, whether any such work is needed, and next, how the original official estimate compares with the amount bid, and whether or not about one-half or two-thirds of the classes of work provided for by the contract could possibly be needed on a section presenting the geographical and topographical features which mark this particular section of the canal.

A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

It now appears that there has been a general misunderstanding throughout the press reports about the final action of the Senate on resolutions which came up before that body on Friday. It was generally supposed that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution, as offered by Mr. Faulkner, and amended on motion of Mr. Waehner, and that they had amended and then adopted the Schuyler resolution, providing for the appointment by the Governor of a Commission of Investigation. No action was taken by the Senate on either of the Assembly resolutions, and the only one adopted was that in relation to a commission, which was the joint product of Senators Lord, Woodin, and Jacobs. The resolution providing for a joint committee was, on motion of Senator Jacobs, taken from the table, but no final action was had on it, and up to this time there has been no concurrent action by either house, and there is no resolution creating any form of investigation yet completed.

A SCHEME TO LOAD THE COMMISSION DOWN.

There is considerable talk to-night of the probability of an amendment being offered in the House to charge the commission already provided for by the Senate resolution with inquiring also into alleged frauds and abuses in the public printing contracts. The movement is generally regarded, however, as a very shallow device for the embarrassment and virtual nullification of the labors of the commission. At most, it would be but balancing the interest of one ring against another, and thus, as a matter of mutual interest, compelling each to exert its influence in the other's behalf for joint salvation. In its present aspect, the commission will be equally weighted as to the politics of its members on both sides, and there is but little good to be expected from its labors if two party questions or issues are submitted to them at one time. The Governor and all his friends are opposed to any such movement, and say they believe "one thing at a time" will be enough; that the State Prison, printing, public buildings, and all similar great State contracts can be investigated later and separately, and that each one will doubtless be found important, intricate, and extensive enough to merit the attention of separate inquiry. It is probable that Senators Woodin and Wood will debate the Governor's Message in the Senate to-morrow night. The impression is very general that the House will concur in the Senate Commission resolution without debate.

THE TWEEDS OF ROCHESTER.

"OLD JARVE" AND "GEORGE THE SILENT"—THE LORD FAMILY AS FINANCIERS AND LEGISLATORS—THE LORD WATER WORKS AND PUBLIC WORKS BOARDS—A SWIFT LAW SWIFTLY EXECUTED—SILENCING OPPOSITION — THE INITIATED BRIBED AND THE HONEST TERRIFIED—BONDS ISSUED IN EXCESS OF THE AUTHORIZED AMOUNT AND SOLD CONTRARY TO LAW—THE INTEREST PAID FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALES TO AVERT THE RAGE OF OUTRAGED TAX-PAYERS — SWINDLING IN THE WATER WORKS CONTRACTS—GEORGE D. LORD THE, REAL CONTRACTOR, SIGNING AS THE "CLERK" OF THE PRETENDED CONTRACTOR.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 28.—The Lords hold a position in this place similar to that held by the Tweeds in New-York prior to their exposure in THE TIMES. The former own many of Rochester's legislators and have a mine of wealth in the Rochester ring, of which "Old Jarve," as he is called, is the "boss." He has his Commissioners of water-works and public works appointed under acts obtained through his collusions and dealings with Tammany, and makes the city support him and all the members of his family right royally. He and George "The Silent," as he is called here, are the power in the Rochester ring, but their operations have been so thoroughly exposed in THE TIMES as to have awakened the good people of Rochester and unsealed the lips of those who for years have been silent through fear of the family. Their tricks with contractors have been curious and peculiar, and such as to have made the Lords a host of enemies whom they despised once, but will be crushed by now. As canal operators the Senator and the "Silent" have been wonderfully successful, but it is as improvers of the city of Rochester that their remarkable talents for financiering and legislating are manifested. The Senator is the legislator. George is the financier, although, as will be seen in the history of his efforts to obtain and control the Board of Water Commissioners, he has talent for both. In Rochester, their home, the Lords are not quite so well understood as they are elsewhere, because they have taken care to hoodwink the people, bribe the initiated, and terrify the honest. There are some, however, fully cognizant of their misdeeds in this place, the record of which is related in this way by them.

THE ROCHESTER WATER-WORKS—A REMARKABLE RECORD.

In 1870, G. D. Lord, then member of Assembly for the Second District of Monroe County, introduced a bill into the Assembly for the construction of water-works in the City of Rochester. It passed the Assembly, but it was so unpopular at home that Jarvis Lord, Senator for this district, did not dare to push it in the Senate. It provided for the expenditure of $400,000 for preliminary surveys, and commissioners were named in the bill, which was perhaps one of the strongest objections to it, because the persons so named were fuglemen of the Lords and well known to be ready to do their bidding.

HEADING-OFF OUTSIDE CAPITALISTS.

The following year Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Massachusetts, and his associates—private capitalists—applied to the Legislature for permission to organize a company to build water-works in the City of Rochester. But these being the days of Tammany, and the Lords being known to Tweed & Co. as anxious that water-works, if constructed at all, should be constructed by them, the latter quietly killed the bill, and allowed to be passed one introduced by George D. Lord, the provsions of which are as follows: The Mayor of the city was authorized to appoint five Commissioners, to have control of the construction of the water-works of Rochester, employ engineers, surveyors, and such other persons as in their opinions might be necessary to arrange the preliminaries to this work. They were also empowered to borrow upon the credit of the city, at seven per cent. interest, such a sum of money as in their judgment, with the concurrence of the Mayor, was needed to carry out the plan agreed upon. To do this the commission were authorized to issue bonds on the City of Rochester, signed by the Mayor and the President of the Board of Water Commissioners, the Common Council being required to raise from time to time, by taxation, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on them.

SWIFT ACTION ON THE NEW LAW.

This act was passed late on Friday night, April 27th, signed by the Governor on Saturday, brought home that night in George Lord's pocket, submitted to Mayor Wilder immediately, and the commission must have been appointed on Sunday, as they were officially announced in Monday morning's papers. They were Roswell Hart, Edward M. Smith, William H. Bowman, Gilman H. Perkins, and Charles C. Morse. Mr. Hart was Mail Service Superintendent in the Post Office Department at the time of his appointment; Mr. Smith was Postmaster of Rochester; Mr. Bowman was a henchman of the Lords, and had recently moved to the city from Brockport; Perkins was a wholesale grocer; and Morse a manufacturer of boots and shoes.

PUBLIC ESTIMATE OF THE SCHEME.

The citizens considered the whole operation as a swindle, gotten up in the interest of the Lords' friends, who owned most of the commissioners. Mayor Wilder had been elected, it was more than suspected, through the Lord influence, although he claimed to be a Republican, and he permitted George Lord to nominate the Commissioners.

CREATION OF A BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

On the 20th of May, 1872, a provision was incorporated into an act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to the City of Rochester," limiting the amount of bonds which the Water Commissioners might issue to $3,000,000, and fixing the compensation of the Commissioners at $5 a day each. That act also created a Commission of Public Works, to be appointed by the Mayor, and was engineered through the Legislature by Lord. This placed in the hands of this noted family all the city improvements. Their operations under it will be detailed hereafter, but their attention has been chiefly engrossed by the management of their valuable canal and water-works contracts.

STIFLING THE VOICE OF THE CITIZENS.

The city resisted these impositions upon it, and by authority of the Common Council actions were brought to restrain the issue of these water-works bonds upon the ground that the Legislature had no power under the Constitutions of the State and of the United States to force upon a municipal corporation against its will a work of such magnitude and such an enormous debt. These actions were carried to the Court of Appeals, where the validity of both acts was sustained, Chief Judge Church writing one of the opinions. An appeal from the decision of the Court of Appeals in the water-works case was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, but was afterward discontinued by a vote of the Common Council of this city, but not until after George Lord had managed to become an Alderman for this express purpose, which he no doubt effected by the same argument so potent in the Legislature of those days. The decision of the Court of Appeals was claimed by counsel for the City as in direct conflict with the authorities, and particularly with the decision rendered in the case of Bailey vs. City of New-York.

HOW THE "COMMISSION" USED THEIR POWER.

The commission did not wait long before putting into operation the powers vested in them. In the first place, they had plans, surveys, and estimates made by Lord's canal estimate engineers. They issued, instead of $3,000,000, $3,500,000 of City Water-works bonds, and sent them to a trust company in New-York for sale. They also, it is said, employed a firm in New-York, Robinson, Chase & Co., to sell the bonds for a commission of one per cent., a direct violation of the act, which said they should not be sold for less than par. The trust company suspended at the time of the panic with these bonds in their hands, but they were afterward recovered without serious loss to the city.

HOW GEORGE "THE SILENT" WORKS.

In due time the Commissioners went through the form of receiving bids for the work and letting contracts, but it was so well known that nobody would obtain the contract except George D. Lord that honest men did not bother their heads about it. The contract was finally given to one J. McDonald, who resides somewhere in the eastern part of the State, but who is well known to have been only George D. Lord's representative, for all the work has been done by and the compensation therefor paid to George D. Lord, who signs McDonald's name to necessary papers, "per George D. Lord." Work was begun in the Spring of 1873, and Mr. Lord has the disposal of it all, even to subletting work, engaging hands, and buying material. An illustration of what he can do in this direction may be found in the following little episode related to me by a prominent citizen of Rochester to-day. Hemlock Lake is twenty-eight miles south of Rochester, and is the natural reservoir from which the city is to be supplied with water by means of mains to be laid northwardly to the city. These pipes are to be made of boiler iron, and will take quite a large slice of the expenditure. George D. Lord, in order to make it appear that he was anxious to get this part of the work done as cheaply as possible, had his engineer send for a prominent manufacturer in this material. This gentleman occupies an influential position in Rochester, and on calling was referred by the engineer to G. D. Lord, who offered him the job if he would agree to construct the conduit pipes in lengths of 100 feet, and deliver them on the line of work at eight and one-quarter cents a pound. The gentleman declined, because it was impracticable to make and transport for so long a distance pipe in sections of that length. Mr. Lord immediately contracted with his friend, Mr. Leighton, the bridge builder, for $400,000 worth of pipe at ten cents per pound, in lengths of twenty-eight feet. There has been no change in the commission, except that created by the resignation of Mr. Smith, the Postmaster, who was succeeded by Pliny M. Bromley, on whose death, last Fall, John Bower was appointed.

A COAT OF WHITEWASH.

This last new Commissioner, soon after appointment, at the request of the Common Council, made a statement respecting the condition of the commission finances, in which he said that the actual cost of the work when completed would not vary $100,000 from the limit fixed by the Legislature. Now it appears that on the 1st of January last $2,400,000 had been expended, but the work is not more than half done.

PAYING THE INTEREST FROM PROCEEDS OF THE SALES OF THE BONDS.

It has leaked out within a few days that the interest on the bonds to the amount of $200,000, which should have been paid by a tax on the city, as provided by the act, has been paid by the Commissioners out of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds, for the purpose of preventing the inevitable outbreak of public wrath against the rascally piece of legislation procured by George D. Lord in 1872. An effort is now being made by the Commissioners to procure the passage of a law authorizing the issue of $200,000 of city bonds to cover this interest, and permitting them to fund the interest as it shall become due.

UNBLUSHING FRAUD IN CONTRACTING.

In describing the manner in which the Lords have secured contracts by remarkable bidding, some of the business men say that when the Commissioners were about to receive proposals to furnish them with materials for certain work, the Lords' estimate would be made in this way: The award for laying the conduit was made to George D. Lord at $1 a thousand for hard-burned brick laid for a certain number of miles. After he got the contract he managed matters with the Commissioners so as to be allowed to sub-let it to his friend Leighton, who is to make iron pipe instead of brick at about $7 a foot, which would make it cost something like $36,960 per mile for the mere material. The Lords contrived to put in bids which would defy competition, and when the award was made Lord had nothing to do but change it to suit himself.

DESIGNS ON THE GAS WORKS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

These contracts have turned out so well generally, that George Lord is anxious to bring within the system the Gas and Fire Departments of the city. It is fair to assume that he would have succeeded were it not for the TIMES' exposure of his practices and projects.

TERROR IN THE CAMP.

Now he is alarmed, and was seen last night and to-night with Frank Lord and his cronies in close converse, consulting as to the best way of stemming the current of public opinion, which is about to sweep away the whole tricky brood. It is true "Old Jarve" and "The Silent" have been diligently striving to turn aside the general feeling of aversion against them by denying the charges made and supported so crushingly in THE TIMES of Friday and Saturday. The libel suit pending between Jarvis Lord and the Rochester Printing Company, for publishing, in a general way, the corrupt practices of the cunning family, discloses specifically that not only were the statements with regard to the canal contracts between George D. Lord, Lewis J. Bennett, Andrew Spalding, and Hand true, but also many other transactions of a similar character were fully known to the contractors, and are set in the answer to the complaint in unmistakable terms.

THE STATE DEFRAUDED OF A MILLION DOLLARS.

By their ingenious contrivances in this stretching and assigning of contracts, the Lords, with the aid of Willard Johnson, William Mudgett, Royal G. Briggs, Valentine F. Whitmore, John Kiley, Daniel McGarry, and others, it is alleged defrauded the State out of nearly $1,000,000.

STILL MORE STOLEN FROM ROCHESTER.

From what is of record in this city, it is evident that the Lords have had their hands in the local purse even more deeply than in that of the State, and while they are looked up to as leaders, are despised as tricksters in politics and public movements. They both differ from Tweed in this regard. He was considered a munificent rascal, always willing to share his plunder with those who had aided him in obtaining it. The Lords bear the reputation of misers, who never pay a bill of $5 or $6 on its presentation, and who never divide their gains, even as agreed on, if they can help it. Some ugly stories are told of them in this connection, which the lateness of the hour will not permit me to relate. At all events, their boasted popularity is bogus, and they will have quite enough to do attending to home affairs in a day or two without watching the Governor. The Rochester Ring is doomed.

SPECIMEN FRAUDS.

THE BLACK ROCK HARBOR CONTRACT—HOW MR. BARNETT REMOVED SOME "WALL BENCHES," AND WHAT HE CHARGED FOR IT—GEORGE B. SHERRILL'S WORK ON A "FEEDER"—GREAT SUCCESSES OF THE LORD FAMILY AS CLAIMANTS.

The ingenuity displayed by the Canal Ring in revamping old worn-out contracts, and making them a second time the means of swindling the State, is as untiring as it is extraordinary. Stealing on a fresh contract is comparatively easy, but to rob where the power to rob is generally supposed to be exhausted develops an amount of skillfulness and dexterity that the coolest of common plunderers might envy. In this branch of the business the house of Lord, as may well be supposed, has not been inactive, and where they themselves have not cared to follow up a thrice-paid claim into its fourth doubling, they have graciously bestowed the power to do so on some "dummy" or personal friend of the family. This was conspicuously the case in the Black Rock Harbor contract, details of which have already been published in THE TIMES. Here it will be remembered that George D. Lord, after running his original contract from $43,500 up to $78,000, introduced a bill into the Legislature to pay an additional "award" of $119,203 49. After this extracting four and a half times as much juice from his orange as he had any right to expect, the generous Lord turned the squeezed remnant over to Edward B. Van Deusen, who pledged himself to finish the work, with some additions, for $124,535. This the Canal Board assented to, against the earnest protest of Attorney General Barlow. The resolution to this effect passed the board on the 24th of August, 1872. On the 21st of January, 1873, a communication was received from Van Deusen complaining that the Buffalo sewers discharged into the canal at a point covered by his contract, and asking that action be taken to compel the city authorities to divert its sewers, or pay him the cost of extra pumping, &c. In this manner Mr. Van Deusen laid the foundation for a future claim of the most elastic character. Subsequently the same work was again relet for twice the sum originally bid by Van Deusen, and is still uncompleted, although upward of $500,000 has been expended upon it.

J. M. BARNETT.

Next to Albany and Buffalo, the vicinity of Utica seems to have been unusually prolific in the way of canal "steals" by means of "unbalanced" bids. One of the latest of these cases which has come to light is that of J. M. Barnett. This gentleman, it appears, contracted to remove the wall benches and construct the slope wall from Ferguson's Aqueduct, on the Erie Canal, to the east line of the City of Utica, and from Potter's Bridge to Lock No. 46, 106 chains in length, for $6,075. Of earth excavation the Engineer's estimates demanded 10,000 yards at ten cents per yard. The quantity paid for was 44,528 yards. In the way of rock excavation the contract called for 100 yards, but as the price was only $3 per yard the obliging Engineer contrived to get along with that number, and let Mr. Barnett make it up on the embankment, for which the price was forty cents. Barnett made it up from 500 yards to 23,851, for which he realized $9,540 40, or just $9,340 40 more than his contract allowed. Any muledriver on the bank, not to say the mule itself, could have guessed nearer the amount required than the "disinterested engineer." The same is true of this "estimate" for hemlock timber, which in the contract was stated at 5,000 feet, and for which Barnet received pay for 168,000 feet. The contract price, however, was $38 per thousand, about two and a half times the market rates, which may account for the difference. Of hard wood at $15 per thousand, the original estimate was swelled in a similar manner to 12,000 feet, and in other items the same fraudulent process is equally unmistakable. Altogether the original amount of the contract was increased over four hundred per cent., or to $25,374 97. Not content with this, Barnett secured from his "engineer," in the way of "extra work," $16,000 worth of vertical wall in cement, not one word of which had been said in the original document, together with rock-dressed masonry to the value of $12,000, and additional items which swelled the total to over $65,000. A New-York builder who would contract to build a $65,000 house for $6,500, would be deemed a fit candidate for Bloomingdale. A "canal engineer," however, can do the thing and be considered "one of the most skilled gentlemen in his profession." And so he is.

GEORGE B. SHERRILL.

A contract of George B. Sherrill's for a vertical wall on the berme and tow-path sides of the Glen's Falls feeder, in the village of Sandy Hill, is another excellent sample of the way in which the Canal Engineers play into the hands of the contractors. For excavation of earth which was originally estimated at 5,000 yards, the Engineer's measurements returned a total of 13,100. In the same way, 2,508 cubic yards of vertical wall were laid in cement, where the contract called for only 280. Of course the fact that Sherrill received $5 per yard for this class of work had nothing to do with the change. In lining and puddling, where the original estimates were 50 and 100 yards respectively, the amounts paid for were 4,497 yards in both cases. As this work was rated at $1 per yard, the supposition is that the contractor found "lining" and "puddling" to be his most profitable items, and improved them accordingly.

LORD AND HIS HOPEFUL SONS.

The action and advantage taken by the Lord family in canal matters disclose some very interesting facts in connection with their legislative proceedings. It is authoritatively stated that by the careful manœuvring of Senator Jarvis Lord in 1870 he secured to himself and sons the neat little sum of $51,796 31. The Democratic Legislature, in which Mr. Lord was Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, inserted a clause in chapter 653 of the laws of 1871 making provision "for the payment of the expenses of the ordinary repairs of the completed canals of this State, and for the sums that may become due to the contractors for repairs, and for moneys and interest thereon heretofore expended in reparation of breaches and casualties." Under this, which it is said was effected by Mr. Lord's agency, was authorized a second payment for work which their contract required the contractors to perform, and which had been paid for already. Under this clause it is charged that the new claims thus authorized had been presented during 1870 and 1871, some by the original contractors and some through assignees. Among the payments made of new claims the following are recorded:

Person Paid.	Date of Contract.	Amount.
George D. Lord	1858	$8,643 08
Jarvis Lord	1867	16,726 58
G. D. Lord	1864	7,231 37
Frank D. Lord	1866	6,169 86
G. D. Lord	1861	13,025 42
Total		$51,796 31

This is one of many skillful pieces of legislation said to have been procured in the Canal Ring interests by the Lords. They benefited directly as claimants in some instances, and as assignees in other. The names of other contractors and the assignees of new claims under the clause above cited are forthcoming. This is only one of the many phases of canal jobbery and robbery now coming to light, and the exposure of which is inevitable.

SPAIN.

THE CARLIST PROVINCES REFUSING SUPPLIES—FURTHER ADHESIONS TO THE RANKS OF ALFONSO.

LONDON, March 28.—It is reported from Estella that deputies from the four provinces occupied by the Carlists have met to consider the request of Don Carlos for contributions, and have replied that the country is exhausted, fresh sacrifices are impossible, and Don Carlos ought to procure funds abroad. This they obstinately maintained, notwithstanding that Don Carlos has threatened to retire from Spain.

Dispatches from Madrid report that Don Carlos has ordered persons found reading Cabrera's manifesto to be shot. There have been additional instances of the fraternization of the Carlist and Government troops on the banks of the Oria. In one of the Carlist camps placards headed "Viva peace, the fueros, and Gen. Cabrera," have been posted. The Government announces that six Carlist Generals, three Colonels, and many other officers have entered France and declared their adhesion to King Alfonso.

A telegram from Santander asserts, on the other hand, that the hope of settling the war by a convention is fast dying out. Gen. Loma is expected there to meet a threatened invasion of the province. Don Carlos, with sixteen battalions and artillery, is marching on Ramales, twenty-five miles from Santander.

GERMANY.

THE GUSTAV OUTRAGE—PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THE SPANISH INDEMNITY.

LONDON, March 28.—Spain has paid to Germany 11,000 thalers of the indemnity for the Gustav outrage.

ITALY.

GOVERNMENT AID TO EXHIBITORS AT THE PHILADELPHIA CENTENNIAL.

ROME, March 28.—*L'Opinione* says the Government has decided to give assistance within certain limits to Italian exhibitors in the United States Centennial Exposition; but it proposes to appeal mainly to individual effort, and will recommend that only such articles be sent as are of exceptional merit and great commercial importance.

GERMANY.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS TO MEET IN CONFERENCE.

BERLIN, March 28.—The Roman Catholic Bishops of Prussia are to hold a conference at Fulda next Tuesday.

BISMARCK NOT TO BE MADE DUKE OF LAUENBURG.

LONDON, March 29—5:30 A. M.—The *Cologne Gazette* says there is no truth in the report that Prince Bismarck is to be made Duke of Lauenburg.

FRANCE.

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY—POLICE RAID ON ENGLISH BETTING OFFICES IN PARIS.

PARIS, March 28.—Edgar Quinet, the distinguished author and member of the Assembly from Paris, is dead.

The Police to-day made a descent on all the English betting offices, and seized the books and cash found on the premises.

AUSTRIA.

THE MONUMENT TO MAXIMILIAN TO BE UNVEILED IN APRIL.

LONDON, March 29.—A special dispatch to the *Times* from Trieste says great preparations are being made for the inauguration of the monument in memory of Maximilian.

The ceremony takes place early in April. All the companions of the Emperor in Mexico have been invited to attend.

MARINE DISASTER.

WRECK OF A FRENCH VESSEL—RESCUE OF THE CREW.

LONDON, March 29—5 A. M.—The Theophile Marie, from St. Marks, Fla., for Havre, has foundered. Her crew were saved.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS AT SEA.

A NEWFOUNDLAND WRECKING PARTY CARRIED OFF ON FLOATING ICE—THIRTEEN MEN FROZEN TO DEATH—ARRIVAL OF TEN OF THE SURVIVORS IN BALTIMORE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 28.—The steam-ship Nurnberg, which arrived here from Bremen to-day, brought a portion of the wrecking crew picked up off the coast of Newfoundland under distressing circumstances. On the morning of the 22d inst. the Nurnberg sighted a schooner with her ensign at half-mast, and on bearing down was asked to take aboard ten men who had been saved from shipwreck. A boat was sent, and the men were brought aboard and told a pitiful story. They said they were a portion of a party of thirty-four fishermen belonging to St. Mary's, Newfoundland, who on the morning of March 2 started to board an ice-bound ship two miles from shore. They found the vessel deserted by the crew, and as they could not immediately do anything with her they started in the afternoon to return. When they had crossed the ice in the morning it was solid, but toward night it opened, and before they had made half a mile of the return journey they found themselves cut off from shore and isolated on floating ice. That night was spent on the ice, and so terrible was the cold that seven of the men froze to death.

Next day, the 3d of March, all who were able to move made their way back to the ice-bound ship, but were compelled to abandon on the ice nine men who were too feeble to walk. Three of these were subsequently rescued by the schooner George S. Fogg on March 6, the other six having perished, making in all thirteen victims. The men who returned to the ship found nothing to eat but molasses, the only thing besides salt to be found, and their sufferings were terrible. The ice gradually broke up, and the vessel drifted out to sea, remaining in sight of the coast, however, for about a week. The men remained in the ship until the 11th of March, when they sighted the same schooner which had rescued their comrades, and reached it in a boat. There were now twenty-one of the men in this schooner, eleven of whom were transferred to other vessels before she was met by the Nurnberg. The men brought here were taken in charge by the British Consul and will be sent home. They cannot tell the name of the ice-bound ship, but suppose that she was of French nationality.

THE ICE-GORGED RIVERS.

THE SUSQUEHANNA.

THE WEST BRANCH RISING—CONTINUATION OF THE THAW—CONDITION OF THE GLEN UNION GORGE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

RENOVO, Penn., March 28.—A dispatch received here to-night from Clearfield, which is situated near the head-waters of the West Branch of the Susquehanna, reports that at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the river had risen three feet, and was still rising rapidly. The thaw has loosened the ice on the tributaries, and the most experienced lumbermen say that the ice must move to-night. At this point the river has risen during the day three feet, and much of the slush ice has moved down on the Glen Union gorge. During the past week a channel about two miles in length opened near the southern shore of the river at the lower end of the Glen Union gorge. Great masses of ice detached from the main gorge by the thaw floated into this channel yesterday, and within an hour filled it completely up. The water in the river below the gorge has risen four feet to-day.

LOCK HAVEN IN IMMEDIATE DANGER—A TELEGRAPH STATION AT QUEEN'S RUN—THE PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE BRIDGE WEIGHTED WITH LOADED COAL CARS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

LOCK HAVEN, Penn., March 28.—A telegraph office was erected at the Queen's Run bridge, a short distance above this town, to-day. Immediate danger is apprehended. The office will be kept open day and night until the danger is past. The bridge is owned by the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company, and to-day thirty-five cars loaded with coal were placed on it. The rise in the river at Glen Union has produced consternation here, but so far the ice has shown no signs of moving.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE THREATENED DISASTER—GREAT DESTRUCTION APPREHENDED.

LOCK HAVEN, Penn., March 28.—Intelligence has been received here this evening that the great ice gorge at Glen Union, thirteen miles above here, has commenced to move and the west branch of the Susquehanna has overflowed the surrounding country. In this city the water has risen to a foot and a half below the dam this afternoon, and as the ice has become decayed here it is probable that it will break up before many hours. The greatest anxiety exists among the residents along the river bank, and they are preparing to remove their effects to a place of security. The Fallon House, owned by Mayor G. W. Smith, and conducted by John Schuyler, one of the handsomest and most costly structures of the kind in this section of the State, is threatened by the impending flood, as it extends nearly to the water's edge. The proprietors commenced to move their property from the lower to the upper stories this afternoon. The Mayor has taken the precaution to obtain the first intelligence of the impending inundation as soon as the flood reaches this section, and the citizens will be notified of their danger by the ringing of the church bells. The anxiety among the people regarding the menaced destruction is of the most intense character. All the evening the Western Union Telegraph Company's office has been besieged by persons anxious to learn the latest particulars from the scene of the moving ice. The furious mountain streams, and the general thaw up the river has increased the volume of water so that the Susquehanna has overflowed a number of valuable farms. The loss is very heavy. The back water has also forced up the currents of fishing and other creeks, and small bridges have been destroyed.

It is currently reported that three lives have been lost, and it is feared the loss of life may still be greater.

From all the information that can be secured, it is probable the inundation will reach this city late to-night or to-morrow morning. From atmospheric indications it is quite possible the deluge will be accelerated by a rain storm.

Old residents, who are acquainted with the manner in which former destructive floods have devastated the surrounding districts, are of the opinion that a picture of complete desolation will be witnessed in the lower part of this city.

OPERATIONS OF THE ICE CUTTERS ABOVE THE DAM AT WILLIAMSPORT—ALARM OVER THE RUMORS FROM UP THE RIVER.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WILLIAMSPORT, Penn., March 28.—So far the men engaged in cutting out the ice in the river about the dam have loosened and sent adrift 75,000,000 pounds. Most of this has gorged at the Williamsport railroad bridge. The water in the river rose three feet to-day, and is now seven feet above low-water mark. Reports of the ice moving, received to-day from Clearfield, Renova, and other points up the river, have created some alarm, but the more experienced men here say there is no immediate danger to the town. It still continues to thaw rapidly.

THE GREAT GORGE ABOVE MILTON MOVES A SHORT DISTANCE AND JAMS FAST AGAIN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

MILTON, Penn., March 28.—Much alarm was caused here to-day by the moving of the great gorge which has collected in the river between this point and Watsontown, which is four miles higher up. The gorge, however, moved but a short distance, and then jammed fast again. There was a rise of one foot in the river above Watsontown to-day. At Lewisburg, below here, there was a rise of nearly two feet. There may be more before midnight.

A RISE OF THREE FEET IN THE NORTH BRANCH—THE PEOPLE WATCHFUL AND NO DANGER TO LIFE APPREHENDED.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., March 28.—The water has risen three feet on the Kingston Flats since yesterday, and communication by foot is again cut off, but there has been no impression made on the gorges. At the same rate the water will rise two feet more through the night. The thaw was not as rapid to-day as yesterday, and to-night it is cloudy and threatens rain. The Stickney Club have succeeded in digging out their boat-house, which was jammed in the ice near the bridge, and have removed it to a place of safety. The people are all on the watch for the coming of the flood, and there is no reason to fear any loss of life, however great the destruction of property and devastation of the valley may be. A low portion of the city, lying along the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, was flooded to-day by water from the higher points which could find but slow passage to the river. A great deal of the drainage from the hills ran into the North Branch Canal, which was within a foot of being as high as last week, when it inundated part of Canal street. A number of cellars are filled with water, and several colored families have moved into the second story of their dwellings. This, however, will last but a few hours, unless the river should get high enough to fill the canal again.

THE DELAWARE.

A FEW INCHES RISE ONLY IN TWO DAYS AT PORT JERVIS—A HEAVY DAY'S BUSINESS ON THE ERIE ROAD.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., March 28.—The river has risen but a few inches in the past two days, although the snow is disappearing rapidly.

The greatest movement of freight ever made by Erie in one day was transacted in the twenty-four hours immediately following the completion of the new bridge over the Delaware, 2,374 cars having passed over the bridge in that time.

TAMMANY'S HOME RULERS.

WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH LIES.

LOCATION AND CHARACTER OF THEIR VOTERS—NEW-YORK NOT AN AMERICAN CITY BY POPULATION—THE SECTARIAN AMENDMENT—ANALYSIS OF POPULATION AND VOTERS.

The set-back of the Costigan bill was a severe blow to the Tammany Home Rulers, but the cry will not abate. It is a popular cry; it smacks of personal independence; it flatters our idea of doing as we please; it returns us to the good old times in Judea when there was no king in the land, and every man did that which seemed right in his own eyes. Moreover, it is a standing protest against any form of government whatever; a perpetual menace to organized society. It can have no definite limitation. The South wanted to be "let alone;" but then Virginia also wanted to be let alone. And why not? If home rule is good for anything, surely it might prevent a State from being dragged into rebellion against her will. No one will deny that home rule is proper where a people are homogeneous; where leading principles of government are agreed to by the larger number; where there is a natural bond of union in the way of interests temporal and spiritual; where there are broad common purposes and common desires. In such a community, among an old and settled people, where the order of life is fixed, home rule may be safe enough.

But if there is any place on the earth where the reverse of all these propositions prevails it is New-York City. For this reason New-York City is the most remarkable exception to the home rule doctrine to be found in any civilized country. London is English, Paris is intensely French, Berlin is German, Madrid is Spanish, but New-York is not American. This great fact, that stands directly in the way of any legitimate application of the doctrine of home rule, we shall show by a brief examination of official and undisputed data.

The reader must remember that the accident of birth, while it fixes citizenship, is not a true test of nationality. The copper-colored infant of Ah Sin, born on the day of the parents' arrival in California, is an American citizen in law, though he may grow up among Chinamen, never know a word of our language, and even go down to his grave a worshiper of Buddha. Bear in mind, then, that in our City nearly all the children of Irish parents, and a great proportion of those of other races and nationality, grow up in the ways of their kindred, and only after long experience and much mental travail become in any practical sense Americans. And now what are the facts about the population of this City? The last census—the accuracy of which was tested by a partial re-enumeration, and is further vouched for by the experts of the Board of Health—gave us:

Total population		942,292
Of which:		Per cent.
Native born	523,198	55.52
Foreign born	419,094	44.48
Born here, both parents foreign born	326,535	34.64
Born here, one parent foreign born	36,016	3.82
Foreign and children of foreigners	781,745	82.96
Native born of native-born parents	160,547	17.04

Let us compare by thousands, and see how these proportions look. In every 1,000 residents of the City, taking the average, there are of real natives only 170; Irish born, 213; German, 160; all other foreign, 71; children of foreign born parents, 386.

Now take the whole Union, except the City of New-York, and we find the following distribution:

Total Population		37,616,179
Of which:		Per cent.
Native born	32,467,994	86.31
Foreign born	5,148,135	13.69
Born here, both parents foreign	3,849,9-1	10.23
Born here, one parent foreign born	1,141,054	2.98
Foreigners and children of foreigners	10,110,170	26.88
Native born, of native born parents	27,506,009	73.12

It appears that while in all the country except the City, the foreign born amount to one-seventh—in the City to very nearly one-half—the foreign element (foreign born and children of foreigners) in the country is a trifle over one-quarter, while in this City it is considerably more than four-fifths.

But there is another point of great importance in the case, and that is the relative voting force of foreigners and natives. Nearly all immigrants are adults on arrival, and so in counting the number of voting age there is a far larger rate per thousand than among natives, where all the children are reckoned in. For example, there are 71,342 native, and 113,265 naturalized citizens returned for the City in 1870. Now, a very simple calculation shows that the native citizens are 13½ per cent. of the whole native born, while the naturalized citizens are 27 per cent. of the foreign-born population; that is, the foreigners furnish twice as many voters according to population as the natives do. And more than this, they still have a large proportion of men old enough to be citizens, but not yet naturalized.

The proportion of naturalized citizens shows that the Irish are the most eager to secure the right of voting. While they have but twenty-one per cent. of the population, they have thirty per cent. of the voters; that is, nearly forty-three per cent. more than equal proportion, supposing population and voters to stand in a strictly natural relation. The Germans show twenty-three per cent. of voters to seventeen per cent. of the people, or thirty-five per cent. excess in voters. Other foreigners have but eight per cent. of citizens to ten per cent. of the population, or twenty per cent. less than their share. The reason is found in the fact that our Irish and German emigrants hasten their naturalization so that they can vote and hold office, while the English and French acquire citizenship mainly for the purpose of holding and transferring property, very few of them thinking about the franchise, and not a quar

Kelly and Morrissey to elect Jimmy Hayes for Register over another and much better Irishman; and shown in yet another phase in the vote on the constitutional amendment to prohibit donations from public funds to sectarian institutions.

To set forth clearly the location and nature of Tammany's home-rulers at that election, we have arranged the figures by wards, instead of Assembly Districts. The people do not understand the Assembly district divisions; but everybody knows what is meant by ward returns. Take the historical "Bloody Sixth" for example, where the Democrats gave Hoffman 5,032 votes in 1868—a few hundreds more than the entire voting population. The Sixth Ward had, in 1870, a population of 21,153, of whom 9,077 were born in New-York, 178 in other States, and 203 were colored; making a native aggregate of 9,458, or 45 per cent. There were 7,031 from Ireland and 4,664 from other foreign countries—in all 11,695 foreign born, or 55 per cent. Now the 9,458 natives gave but 760 voters, or less than one in twelve, while the 11,695 foreign born gave 3,183 voters, or one in three and three-quarters. At the last election the Sixth Ward registered 2,592 voters, of whom 665, or 27 per cent., were native born, and 1,927, or 73 per cent., born abroad; 1,370 Irish (more than half the whole) and 537 German and others. Ninety per cent. of the registered voters cast their ballots. Tilden had 2,100, or 87 per cent., and Dix 307, or 13 per cent. For Mayor, Wickham had 1,823, or 76 per cent.; Wales, 257, or 10 per cent., and Ottendorfer, 320, about 14 per cent. For Register, where the better class of Democrats went against Tammany, the Kelly candidate (Jimmy Hayes, of Ring notoriety,) got 1,437, or nearly 60 per cent, and Jones 975. On the sectarian amendment the vote was, against its adoption, (Tammany,) 1,503; in favor, 360.

The general facts about the famous Sixth Ward are equally true of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth. Wherever the foreign element is strong, there the Democratic vote is heavy; wherever the sons of the Emerald Isle most abound, there Tammany Hall is invulnerable. Let us take a few specimen districts:

Ward.	Dis-trict.	Foreign Voters.	Irish Voters.	Tilden's Vote.	Native Voters.	Dix's Vote.
I....	3....	185	154	218	56	94
	4....	260	205	566	44	91
	5....	210	160	217	37	99
	6....	327	252	325	50	95
IV....	4....	159	137	147	40	83
	5....	261	226	259	59	54
	6....	168	149	120	49	94
	7....	233	128	243	85	89
XIV....	2....	154	133	197	113	87
	4....	216	175	303	118	91
	5....	207	169	205	169	90
	C....	237	163	251	99	84
	11....	251	245	334	114	93
	12....	221	191	254	77	89
Total....		3,132	2,440	3,406	1,039	1,257

Take, now, the wards in which the Irish voting element is most strongly represented, in the order of proportion:

Ward.	Per cent. Irish of all Citizens.	Governor—Tilden.	Dix.	Register—Hayes.	Jones.
VI....	2,260	57	2,100	307	1,437	975
I....	1,970	56	1,520	295	1,065	1,057
IV....	2,388	55	2,407	400	1,762	1,077
XIII....	4,011	47	3,154	909	4,139	1,933
XIV....	2,258	45	3,020	516	2,233	1,295
Total	13,577		14,511	2,538	10,627	6,377

Now, let us look at the section of the City that has been most famous for its Americanism—the Ninth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Wards. In the Ninth Ward there is the greatest proportion of well-to-do people who own their houses and behave like civilized beings. It is about all there is remaining of the New-York of Jackson's days:

Ward.	Voters—Foreign.	Irish.	Tilden.	Native Voters.	Dix.
IX....	2,305	1,965	3,395	5,396	3,523
XV....	1,275	514	1,521	3,038	2,049
XVI....	3,142	2,091	3,763	4,792	3,635
Total	7,723	4,570	9,079	13,226	9,507

No one disputes that a great many native-born voters are Democrats, and vote pretty regularly for unobjectionable candidates of that party. The above figures show it; but see how they change when Tammany alone is concerned:

Ward.	Tilden.	Dix.	Hayes.	Jones.
IX....	3,395	3,523	2,395	4,302
XV....	1,521	2,049	1,102	2,724
XVI....	3,763	3,635	2,788	4,507
Total	9,079	9,507	6,586	12,313

Take away the heavy Irish contingent along the west side of the Sixteenth Ward, and Tammany would show much lower.

The vote on the eighth amendment to the Constitution (forbidding gifts of public money or property to sectarian institutions) was another test. The Irish vote was solid against the amendment, but the Germans mainly went the other way or did not vote. Of the opposing vote fully four-fifths were cast by Irishmen. In the wards above mentioned as having great strength of that nationality the vote was, for the amendment, 3,313; against it, 10,763. Compare with this the German wards, Tenth and Seventeenth, and the American wards, Ninth and Fifteenth. The German wards gave 5,748 in favor, and 5,300 against; the American wards gave 6,638 for, and 3,702 against.

We have given figures enough to show that the main strength of Tammany is in her naturalized voters, and of these the Irish are chiefly relied upon, as the Germans are very apt to have opinions of their own. Tammany's Home Rulers from Tipperary are certainly a majority of the party, and ought to rule it, as they do. But it depends upon the situation whether home rule is proper or ought to be enforced. The charitable and penal institutions of the City nearly all show a majority of Irish inmates; but it does not follow that they should have the management therein. In a careful examination for a series of years we find the population of certain institutions to have been:

	American.	Irish.	Others Foreign.
Almshouse	12,904	43,494	10,718
Hospitals	20,930	63,551	11,239
Arrests	284,391	450,198	164,755
To prison	104,275	261,466	96,083
Total	422,669	818,709	282,795

The latest figures bearing on this view of home rule are in the recently published report of the Police Justices. So far as the nationality of prisoners was learned there were 18,039 Irish, 3,927 German, 1,753 from other foreign countries, and 10,671 Americans.

With these facts before him, the reader can judge of the desirability of giving to the Tammany Party their much-coveted home rule for New-York City. The records show just what sort of voters support Kelly and Morrissey, and just what sort of local officers we should have under their supreme sway.

Finally, that the reader may study the location and character of our City vote more at leisure, we present a summary by wards of the population, citizenship, registered voters, and votes (excluding the new Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards) for Governor, Register, Mayor, and on the amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the appropriation of public money or property to sectarian schools, asylums, churches, or other institutions. This amendment was strenuously opposed by the Roman Catholics. During the Tweed rule, and for years previous, the City Treasury was promptly opened to every appeal of that sect. Blocks of land worth hundreds of thousands of dollars were leased to the Church for ninety-nine years at the rate of $1 per annum, as witness the site of the new Cathedral and the Orphan Asylum in Fifth avenue. Donations of $1,000, $5,000, and $10,000 at a time were made to their schools and asylums—their people getting dollars from the public funds where other Christians were begrudged cents, and when no sect whatever should have got even the cents. Naturally enough the Tammany leaders opposed an amendment that would so abridge the liberty of rewarding their ever-faithful voters with the Peter pence of the City Treasury, and, under the lead of Kelly and Morrissey, the hierarchy and laity of that faith came down upon this amendment, voting against it to a man, just as—under Tammany dictation—they voted against the amendment to punish bribery of or by our law-makers. The reader will notice the remarkable parallel between the vote for the straight-out Tammany candidate, Jimmy Hayes, and that against the anti-sectarian amendment. In one ward it is exactly the same; in two the difference is only two votes; in one, five votes; in one it is eight; in two it is ten, then thirteen, seventeen, nineteen, &c., the excess of Hayes over the anti-amendment vote being only 812 in the whole City. Possibly a few men of other sects voted against the amendment; but it is certain that every Roman Catholic who voted at all went against it—just as certain as that nineteen-twentieths of that class of voters uniformly and zealously support the Tammany leaders. And that class of "Home Rulers" numbers over 50,000 in the City.

Wards.	Whites born in New-York.	Born in other States.	Colored.	Total Native Born.	Born in Ireland.	German and other Citizens.	Total foreign.	Total population.	Registered in 1874.	Native Citizens.	Naturalized Registered.	Foreign Citizens.	Registered.	Irish Citizens.	Registered.	German and other Citizens.	Registered.	Total Vote.	Vote for Tilden.	Vote for Wickham.	Vote for Wales.	Vote for Ottendorfer.	For the Amendment.	Against Amendment.
I....	5,927	292	224	6,443	2,700	1,970	4,670	11,113	6,973	530	2,065	2,700	1,111	1,970	1,308	700	481	3,560	2,677	1,340	210	601	419	1,673
II....	494	61	66	621	152	604	756	1,377	837	63	230	152	111	604	190	61	63	375	243	173	96	56	105	117
III....	1,443	58	58	1,559	1,754	1,065	2,819	4,378	2,661	154	1,507	1,754	1,111	1,065	1,477	507	134	3,715	2,901	1,479	341	113	191	335
IV....	10,159	307	....	10,466	6,715	3,898	10,613	21,079	12,648	1,065	4,846	6,715	4,461	3,898	5,016	1,800	864	13,292	8,677	4,479	1,944	1,077	1,112	3,541
V....	7,637	211	293	8,141	3,909	2,751	6,660	14,801	8,881	1,915	2,793	3,909	2,612	2,751	3,388	1,589	874	9,128	5,973	2,703	1,499	871	1,175	2,548
VI....	2,796	178	....	2,974	7,031	2,417	9,448	12,422	7,453	665	1,927	7,031	4,664	2,417	1,370	537	257	5,975	2,100	1,823	257	320	1,503	307
VII....	6,077	179	411	6,667	2,417	1,107	3,524	10,191	6,368	1,915	4,453	2,417	1,575	1,107	1,179	1,035	257	4,113	2,592	1,479	1,113	1,503	1,503	1,503
VIII....	22,954	1,123	906	24,983	9,548	4,200	13,748	38,731	24,208	4,453	4,453	9,548	6,085	4,200	4,453	1,503	1,503	15,941	10,148	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
IX....	15,953	1,244	1,299	18,496	6,085	3,453	9,538	28,034	17,521	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	11,409	7,552	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
X....	29,242	3,018	2,990	35,250	15,503	6,453	21,956	57,206	35,756	4,453	4,453	15,503	10,453	6,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	25,409	16,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XI....	37,851	731	2,990	41,572	15,503	6,453	21,956	63,528	39,708	4,453	4,453	15,503	10,453	6,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	25,409	16,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XII....	27,539	1,446	2,990	31,975	15,503	6,453	21,956	53,931	33,697	4,453	4,453	15,503	10,453	6,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	25,409	16,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XIII....	13,446	2,796	2,990	19,232	15,503	6,453	21,956	41,188	25,743	4,453	4,453	15,503	10,453	6,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	25,409	16,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XIV....	12,068	637	411	13,116	6,085	3,453	9,538	22,654	14,159	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XV....	13,119	2,417	906	16,442	6,085	3,453	9,538	25,980	16,238	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XVI....	26,018	2,632	1,232	29,882	6,085	3,453	9,538	39,420	24,638	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XVII....	1,997	2,417	891	5,305	6,085	3,453	9,538	14,843	9,277	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XVIII....	1,500	1,632	578	3,710	6,085	3,453	9,538	13,248	8,280	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XIX....	3,863	1,095	596	5,554	6,085	3,453	9,538	15,092	9,432	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XX....	43,693	1,707	1,577	46,977	6,085	3,453	9,538	56,515	35,322	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XXI....	38,099	3,406	411	41,916	6,085	3,453	9,538	51,454	32,161	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
XXII....	20,453	2,623	....	23,076	6,085	3,453	9,538	32,614	20,373	4,453	4,453	6,085	4,453	3,453	4,453	1,503	1,503	13,409	8,972	4,453	1,503	1,503	1,503	1,503
Totals....	475,346	35,307	13,083	523,736	208,000	100,000	308,000	831,736	523,736	100,000	100,000	208,000	145,000	100,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	395,000	250,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

PARISIAN JOTTINGS.

POLITICS, GOSSIP, AND ART IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL.

THE DECLARATION OF POLICY BY THE NEW CABINET AND THE TONE OF THE PRESS ON IT—POLITICAL CATCH-WORDS—VARIOUS WAYS OF TELLING THE SAME STORY—GOSSIP ABOUT THE FLOWER GIRL AND THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA—THE LATEST THING IN THE WAY OF CELEBRATING OUR CENTENNIAL—ART TALK.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, March 15, 1875.

The declaration of policy made by the new Ministry is too long to be incorporated in my letter, but I inclose a translation of it. Opinions are divided respecting its merits, politically speaking, but in a literary point of view it is an exceptional document. It has the merit of saying very little in a great many words and in an imposing style. The words "resolutely conservative," as applied to the policy of the Government, never fails to please the Parisian bourgeois. It sounds like business; and although the middle-class shop-keepers tried to join the crowd in mocking at the Imperial *préfets à poigne*, they made a failure of it, and allowed themselves to be stirred to enthusiasm by authoritative declarations in which such language is used. In this instance it is the Republicans who are not content. The future will agree with them that there is very little material difference between the "*politique résolument conservatrice*" adopted by M. Ernoul on May 24, 1873, and the "*politique très nettement conservatrice*" declared by M. Buffet on March 10, 1875. At present there is none, since the Government announces that it cannot do without the exceptional powers conferred by the state of siege. It must have martial law, in order to make the civil laws respected; and it declares also that it must adhere to the existing legislation respecting the appointment of Mayors. Nothing is said about the new Senate; and consequently the possible dissolution of the present Chamber is passed over in silence. In fact, although a republic was voted by the adoption of the Wallon Constitution, the new Ministry does not say a word about the Republic, and announces that its policy will be *très nettement conservatrice*. It is natural that the Republican organs should make an outcry. None of them have a word to say in favor of M. Buffet's declaration, and some open their batteries upon it in dashing style. They were all the more enraged to find that the Bonapartists were delighted with the turn things are taking, and they mock at M. Buffet for going so far out of his way to satisfy a party that had been defeated, and against which all the others had combined. There is not a single Republican journal that pretends to conceal its disappointment at the tone of this declaration. But after all what is there so dreadful in this document? I began by saying that it said little in many words; it has an air of resolution that pleases the bourgeois; but it is too weak as a whole to please the people. The parties had united to put down the Bonapartists, and having got them down it was expected that the Government would threaten them with its vengeance if they attempted to rise again. Menaces were demanded, and M. Buffet says that he will see the laws respected without prejudice to any party. Thus discord has already entered the camp of the allied forces, and the majority of the 25th of February has been already soundly shaken. I do not believe it strong enough to stand the shocks that must come after the Easter vacation.

M. LEMOINNE ON THE DECLARATION.

The *Journal des Débats* is even more severe upon the Ministerial declaration than the other papers. It is pronounced entirely unnecessary, and consequently a *maladdresse*. M. John Lemoinne goes even further, and says, in so many words, that the "thesis sustained by M. Buffet tends to corrupt public morality." He has completely displaced the question, and while his words sound well enough, they do not touch the real matter at issue. The question is not whether every man should be allowed to guard his political and dynastic preferences, but whether, the Republic having been voted, a man can be allowed to conspire against the Republic with impunity. This is M. Lemoinne's use of language, and it sounds well enough when read, but what the writer means is quite another thing. He really means to ask if this declaration contains all that the new Cabinet intends to do to stop the progress of Bonapartism. On all sides we see a clean use of high-sounding words, and those who can read between the lines can now appreciate better than ever M. De Talleyrand's saying that language was given to us for the purpose of concealing our thoughts.

POLITICAL TERMINOLOGY.

I need not say to classical students that the chicanery of language practiced by all parties at this time is by no means a new thing. Here we have the Republicans laughing at their adversaries because they make use of such time-dishonored phrases as "a resolutely conservative policy," or a "policy profoundly conservative," but on the other hand the Conservatives mock at the Republicans for their "liberty, equality, fraternity," and the use they make of "the natural rights of man." We find the same sort of discussions a great many years back, say in the time of Tacitus. That old historian knew a great deal about human nature. He had seen a great deal, and fancied much more, and he had been an eye-witness to the political struggles in ancient Rome. Many passages in his works sound as if written quite recently. For example, Tacitus says of the Radicals of his time: "They put upon their banners the name of liberty and other magnificent formulas, and never did an ambitious man covet power without having this word 'liberty' upon his tongue." And again: "They shelter themselves hypocritically under the mask of liberty, those who, incapable of conducting their own private affairs and being public pests as citizens, have no chance of arriving at fortune except by agitation." And a little further on: "In order to overturn the Empire they make a great to-do about liberty; the Empire overthrown they attack liberty in its turn." That was written 1,800 years ago, and yet I find the same things in my morning papers day after day. If we turn to Suetonius we shall find the other side. He rails about liberty and mocks at the Conservatives of his time for their inordinate use of certain terms. I presume the same thing will go on for another 1,800 years, and that the party out of power and the party in will continue to make use of the same sets of terms that they do now, or that they did before the Christian era. Fortunately words mean little in public life, and we must wait to see men at their work before judging them.

TWO WAYS OF TELLING THE SAME STORY.

As a corollary to this I must note the admirable euphemisms the different parties have at their service in the case of their little peccadilloes—called crimes by their adversaries. Some attempts to assassinate soldiers have been made, and a Conservative journal characterized them as "odious outrages." A Radical journal says that the facts reported are merely "grotesque pleasantries," and attacks the first journal for its excess in the matter of language. An "infamous nocturnal attack upon a sentinel on duty" is turned into a "narrow escape of a citizen from being shot by a sentinel,' when related by the opposite side. A judicial inquiry has brought out the facts, and I must oppose them to the language used in describing them. At Nevers a sentinel was walking his beat, when his attention was attracted by a man skulking near, and paused to watch him. Seeing himself observed, the man raised an old horse pistol and fired upon the astonished soldier. It was loaded with slugs, half a dozen of which were picked up after having been flattened against the wall. The soldier hastily put a cartridge into his chassepot and fired at the man running away, just grazing his skin, and at the same moment the aggressor was arrested by the Police, who had seen the operation. The man refused to give his name, and said that his object was to make away with one of those "Sacrée Versaillais." These are the simple facts, and the reader can now decide whether this was "an odious attempt at assassination," or merely a "grotesque pleasantry." But a few days before a sentinel on duty at Bourges had been fired on in the same way. It was the third case of the kind, and Gen. Ducrot issued an order to his troops to charge their rifles when going on duty, and to make use of them without hesitation if they were insulted or attacked. This order is denounced in dreadful terms in the Radical journals, and the "brutal massacre of innocent citizens" is predicted. Such things remind us of days past, but there are other things which bring up still more striking souvenirs.

The other day I was walking along the Rue de la Paix, when a band of conscripts came by, drunk as usual, chanting the "Marseillaise." The sound immediately brought heads to every window, and women rushed out in alarm to see if there was another revolution in the streets. In the Charente-enferieure a similar scene occurred, which ended in a riot. The conscripts were joined by a number of drunken workmen, who sung the following words to the famous air. I am obliged to give them in French:

"Vive la Républiquo!
A bas les calaibis!
Les badriguets—
Tous à l'eau. (Bis.)
Coupons leur le cou;
F—— —les à l'eau.
Lions—les deux à deux,
A l'eau, à l'eau!"

A few inoffensive persons who tried to protest were set upon and badly treated. The Conservative papers characterize this as an "infamous outrage." The Radical *Opinion Nationale* says it was simply "a pardonable excess on the part of three or four young *tapageurs* who had taken more wine than was good for them." "Such things are deplorable," said M. Thiers at the Hotel Bagratien; "they make a great many worthy people regret the Empire."

THE "FLOWER GIRL OF THE JOCKEY CLUB" FALLS INTO DISFAVOR, AND IS FROWNED UPON.

Isabelle has lost her right to call herself "Bouquetière of the Jockey Club," and has been officially dethroned. The members of aristocratic society can pardon anything better than an *indelicatesse*. After so long a reign, it is astonishing that Isabelle should not have known the rules of the *bonne compagnie* to which she, a simple daughter of the fields, had the honor of being admitted. On hearing the whole of the story, one's opinion regarding the merits of this case must undergo a change, for at first we were led to believe that Isabelle merely wished to keep her mother from the poorhouse. The virtuous old peasant only recently refused the bread that her daughter now earns, and by recently I mean within the past five or six years. The career of Isabelle has been unusually long; she was queen at the Jockey Club long before I began to walk the boulevards, and as far back as 1856 I remember her in her glory. Some time before the Comte de G., a famous racing man, saw a little flower girl at Chantilly weeping over her basket. "What is the matter, my child?" asked the Count kindly. The girl replied that she had sold nothing all day long. "Oh! if that is all, it can soon be mended," said M. De G., and taking the flower girl to the grand stand he gave her a louis and asked for a rose. While selecting it Isabelle held the piece of gold between her teeth, and there was something in the sight which struck the sportsman. He called some of his friends up and made the girl repeat the process, and in a short time she had more pieces of gold than she had ever before seen in her life. A few days later she was named "Flower girl to the Jockey Club," and had her entries to all the races. Thanks to the advice of her first friend, Isabelle held her place by remaining virtuous—that is, she held her place by pleasing all and no one in particular. Years rolled by without bringing a word of malicious gossip against the character of Isabelle, and whatever her secrets were, she avoided even the shadow of a scandal. A few years ago there were certain rumors, but the flower girl had lost the bloom of youth, and no one cared to inquire into them. Mme. Briant, her peasant mother, then came on to Paris at her daughter's invitation; but she refused to remain, and went back home to work as long as she could, and then enter the poorhouse. In trying to force her to leave this place by withholding the miserable pittance of two francs a day, Isabelle may not have had bad or ungrateful motives, but she was unwise to create a scandal at any price. At forty she committed the first act of indelicacy made public during her long career, and she has been quickly punished for it. But Isabelle Briant will have the satisfaction of knowing that her place will not be filled. The Jockey Club has seen that it is too risky a business to bring a young girl into such temptations, for not one in a thousand would remain for so many years without scandal as Isabelle did. She loses a lucrative position, and with it the 6,000 francs paid her every year by M. De Rothschild for the supply of bouquets at his receptions, she having nothing to do for the money but to select and order the flowers from the florists.

THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA AND HER DOCTOR.

Her Majesty, the Empress of Russia arrived from St. Remo Saturday evening, and was met at the station by Prince Orloff and by the leading members of the Russian colony in Paris. The Empress has been long expected here, and the delay in her arrival has revived the gossip sent you some time ago by your London correspondent. It is club talk here, as well as in the former city, and at the *Circle du Mediterranée* at Nice a great deal has been said about it. In few words, the story is that Dr. Botkine has supreme control over the movements of the Empress, and Mme. Botkine has supreme control over the movements of the court physician. Madame was anxious to go to St. Remo; the Empress had to go there. Madame was satisfied with the beneficial effects of that climate upon her own health; the health of the Empress absolutely demanded the air of St. Remo. I have no doubt in the world that this is a fair statement of the case—in fact, my information upon the subject comes from too high a quarter to admit of a doubt. The worst of all this is the gossip, and Dr. Botkine may learn to his cost that while such things are permitted in the case of an Empress, it is not permitted to allow them to become public talk. That is an *indelicatesse* which is unpardonable; but good Dr. Botkine is not responsible for it. He would cut out his tongue before saying a thing of the sort; but women often say things to their own honor and glory from which our more timid sex would shrink. It must be a nice thing for Mme. Botkine to feel that she can control the movements of the Sovereign of her country, and that all approaches must be through her, but the Doctor must dream of Siberia now and then when he hears how much is made of this story in the clubs. The ladies of honor do not pretend to conceal their opinions upon the subject, and are as outspoken as upon the subject of the straw beds given them in the garrets of Buckingham Palace. But madame is often disappointed in matters of detail. For instance, she expected to show herself in the Bois yesterday with her Majesty, and told her friends so, but the Empress went out on foot and walked up and down the Champs Elysées unattended. The weather was superb, and Dr. E—— advised her Majesty to stay over a day or two. To this she agreed, throwing her suite into a state of consternation, for telegrams had to be sent to every railway station between here and St. Petersburg to say that the Imperial train would not arrive at the hour designated. To-day the Empress has lovely weather, and is out enjoying the sights of Paris. It appears that she has derived some benefit from her stay at St. Remo, although I am a little surprised at it. There is but one main street, down which the wind rushes as through a funnel, and through this draft the Empress had to drive every day. Bordighera is vastly superior as a residence, and this charming spot must become, sooner or later, the popular place of resort upon this Southern coast.

THE LATEST CENTENNIAL IDEA.

M. Michaelis, the agent of the Société des Gens des Lettres, has a new project on hand. He offers a prize of 5,000 or 6,000 francs for the best drama upon the Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876, the main point to be the glorification of the Frenchmen who aided in the work of American independence, and praise of the French nation for its sympathies with or during the struggle of the Revolution. At first blush one would think this a slim basis for a drama, but on the whole the idea is not a bad one, provided it is carried out without laying too great stress upon *la perfide Albion*. French ingenuity is marvelous in the manufacture of plays, and I have no doubt that some writer will hit upon a plot that will do admirably. But there is no time to lose. A jury has to be appointed to fix the conditions; the drama has to be written, submitted, read, the prize adjudged, and the piece brought out; there are some ten or twelve formalities, each of which will take some time; and hence very little time will be left for the literary work. The press has given the proposition a favorable reception, a fact that surprises me a little when I remember with what disfavor Americans are generally regarded here. But the French only like one foreign nation at a time, and it may be that our turn has come round again after about a century. As a symptom, I may note that in the better class of cafés *grog à l'Américain* has taken the place of *pell-ell*, (palo ale,) so popular in our anglophobia days.

THE OPENING OF THE SALON.

Active preparations are being made for the opening of the salon, and artists are beginning to send their works over to the Palais. Last year's troubles are, I very much fear, to be again a source of scandal. The School of Beaux Arts is a part of the University of Paris, and is, therefore, under Government control. Its Professors naturally claim a certain authority. The French have an art school at Rome, to which the first prizes in the Paris school, in painting, architecture, and sculpture, are sent to study at Government expense. The Professors in the School of Beaux Arts examine the candidates for the "Prix de Rome," and decide upon the students that are to be sent. Last year the Minister of Public Instruction wished to immortalize himself by an innovation, and announced that the Government would award a second "Prix de Rome," that it would give some young painter who took a "prix d'honneur" in the *salon* the sum of 20,000 francs with which to study at Rome. This created a great commotion in the School of Beaux Arts, the Professors feeling that their prerogatives had been infringed upon. The jury chanced to be composed of "classical painters," or those who will not admit that anything can be done in art unless done according to the Paris school rules, and it refused to award the prize given by the Government. The members of the jury excused themselves individually on the ground that nothing had been said about this prize when they were named upon the jury, and they were not called upon to make this new award. The fact of the case was they resented the innovation. They thought it an outrage to give a prize at all outside of the Beaux Arts, and the Professors had not even been consulted. The Minister would not confess himself defeated, and awarded the prize himself; but, as can be imagined, the young artist that received it meets with a reception at the school of Rome about like that of the negro boy in the Naval School at Annapolis. He has been "hazed" throughout the year. Now the scholiasts, or school-ists or ites, whatever the proper term may be, have taken the initiative. They decline—and by they I mean some fifty of the greatest artists of France—they decline to serve upon the jury at all if it is incumbent upon them to award this extra Beaux-Arts "Prix de Rome." The object of the prize was to encourage rivalry between two distinct schools of painting, say between the styles of Corot and that of Gérome, but the Academy of Beaux-Arts will not admit that there are two schools, and all outside its own style or system is barbarism, *barbouillism*, and not classical art.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The following postal changes have been ordered:

New-England.—Offices established—East Waterboro, York County, Me., Charles E. Felch, Postmaster; Sebec Station, Piscataquis County, Me., Andrew J. Chase, Postmaster. Postmasters appointed—Isaac W. Johnson, Washington, Knox County, Me.; Edmund E. Amidon, Rowe, Franklin County, Mass.; Joseph C. Randall, Winnepauk, Fairfield County, Conn.; George B. Blackmar, Warwick, Kent County, R. I.

New-York.—Postmasters appointed—George D. Warren, East Gaines, Orleans County; Mrs. Lorinda Tracy, Falconer, Chautauqua County; Benjamin L. Avery, Genoa, Cayuga County; Charles Shorrs, Hooper, Broome County; Horatio Clark, Kostchinville, Tioga County; Nathan J. Cornell, Kuckville, Orleans County; Chauncey S. Clothier, Laona, Chautauqua County; William H. Underwood, Limerick, Jefferson County; William H. Sanderson, Magee's Corners, Seneca County; Peter Eager, North Tarrytown, Westchester County; Charles H. Lyon, Poyalar Ridge, Cayuga County; Benjamin B. Hoornbeck, Rosendale, Ulster County; Nehemiah F. Metcalf, Westmoreland, Oneida County.

New-Jersey.—Postmaster appointed—Henry Lipper, Manitua, Gloucester County.

Pennsylvania.—Postmasters appointed—S. L. Lochard, Big Bend, Venango County; J. M. Miller, Coal Valley, Allegheny County; Michael A. Shade, Cumru, Berks County; Solomon Kerns, Red Run, Lancaster County; George N. Gerhart, Sumnertown, Montgomery County; Charles D. Trexler, Topton, Berks County; John P. Pyle, Willowdale, Chester County.

Maryland.—Discontinued—Lake Roland, Baltimore County; Philopolis, Baltimore County.

SUSPENSION OF THE ASHLAND SAVINGS BANK.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., March 28.—The following card notice of suspension was placed on the doors of the Ashland Savings Bank yesterday, at Ashland, in this county:

Since the panic of 1873 the limited resources of this bank have been taxed to their uttermost. This resulted partly from the insecurity naturally felt by depositors during the crisis, but was aggravated by damaging reports. The prolonged panic troubles have made it more embarrassing. Unable to realize from our securities except at ruinous rates, we are therefore compelled, greatly to our regret, to suspend payment. Such action as may be taken or proposed will be indicated as soon as practicable.

(Signed,)
ASHLAND SAVINGS BANK, of Ashland.

No additional particulars have been obtained.

A GOOD WORK.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE AUBURN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

PROGRESS OF THE NEW EDIFICE—MUNIFICENCE OF EDWIN B. MORGAN AND WILLIAM E. DODGE—ACCOMMODATION FOR THE STUDENTS AT THE INSTITUTION.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

AUBURN, Friday, March 26, 1875.

The progress already made toward the completion of the so-called dormitory for students upon the grounds belonging to the corporation known as the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at Auburn, and the assurance now given by the contractors that the entire edifice will be ready for occupation by students at the commencement of the ensuing seminary term, appear to furnish an excuse for a more extensive circulation of the information than our local papers afford. For this institution, although only fifty-three years old, has grown to be a prominent hive of the Presbyterian clergy and of the Presbyterian organizations in the body of the State. In everything which belongs to institutions of its class it is already the equal of any other in the country. Its chairs are occupied by learned and devoted Professors, and its graduates go out from its halls well qualified for pastoral duties. Some of them now hold rank with the most eminent clergymen in the land. The seminary has, therefore, fairly earned for itself all the favor which the secular as well as the religious press can bestow.

The Faculty at present consists of Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Condit, styled Professor Emeritus; Rev. Dr. Edwin Hall, Professor of Theology; Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Hopkins, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity; Rev. Dr. Ezra A. Huntington, Professor of Biblical History; Rev. Willis J. Beecher, Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature, and Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson, Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology. As had most institutions of the kind which were started fifty years ago outside the cities, this seminary had what now seems to have been a feeble beginning. It commenced on the second Wednesday of October, 1821, with only two paid Professors—the late Rev. Drs. Matthew La Rue Perrine and Henry Mills—and with only eleven students. In 1823 the professional staff was increased by the addition of Rev. Dr. James Richards, called from New-Jersey, when the students numbered twenty. From that time onward for twenty years the annual accessions by admissions into the Junior Class greatly exceeded the number of the graduates. In 1843 the number of students in attendance was fifty. In June, 1835, Rev. Dr. Samuel H

dences on the seminary grounds; the rest of them reside outside of them in dwellings of their own. Meanwhile, Auburn has been growing from a small village of 2,000 to be a city of 20,000 inhabitants, and the value of the seminary property, as well as other real estate in its vicinity, is greatly enhanced. This is of some importance on account of the assurance it affords that the seminary will never be removed.

During the infancy of the seminary its chair of Christian Theology, first occupied by the late Rev. Dr. Richards, was endowed by the late Arthur Tappan, of the City of New-York. That timely act wrought wonders. It not only enabled the Commissioners to fill that chair with an eminent divine, but it was such a manifestation of confidence as inspired confidence in others. It induced various others of smaller means in this vicinity, by gifts and bequests, to imitate his example. But the ultimate result of that timely munificence which proved most beneficial was its enlistment of the personal friends of that benefactor in and about New-York City in favor of the institution. For his sake at first, and for its sake afterward, many Christian gentlemen of the Metropolis, and among them Hon. William E. Dodge, ultimately became deeply interested in the work of the seminary, and particularly in that of fitting worthy but indigent young men for the pulpit. He has contributed very liberally to that object for several years. And he seemed to take delight in his efforts. He visited the institution frequently, and discerned its wants. Several years ago he discerned that the institution was greatly in need of a suitable building for a library, and proposed to defray one-half its cost if the other half could be otherwise raised. While that subject was under consideration he received a proposition from Hon. Edwin B. Morgan, of Aurora, in this county, to the effect that he [Mr. Morgan] would advance the other half. The arrangement was made, and the needed building, of lime-stone, with sand-stone caps and borders for openings, was erected, at their joint expense, on the seminary grounds nearly two years ago. And, unless it shall be shattered by an earthquake, it will remain there for ages, not only an indispensable adjunct of the seminary, but a splendid monument of the munificence of the two distinguished gentlemen who projected it and advanced the funds for its erection. And that contribution, generous as it was, was soon afterward supplemented by another of nearly the same amount by Mr. Dodge, and another of three times that amount by Mr. Morgan. The story of the supplement by the latter was substantially as follows:

For several years prior to the last the Commissioners and Trustees of the seminary had perceived the necessity of having additional room and better accommodations for the students. They had perceived that although the quarters for students had been once enlarged, the institution had outgrown the enlargement. But the then existing depression in money matters all over the country appeared to them to render any immediate effort to raise the funds requisite for all the needed structures and endowments untimely. A Committee of Inquiry reported to the Board of Commissioners, upward of two years ago, that at least $300,000 would be required to complete, respectably, the then insufficient endowments of the professorships and to erect the needed buildings. At that stage of the matter Hon. Edwin B. Morgan, who was then in the very act of expending five-and-twenty thousand dollars on the library building, offered to advance the entire $300,000 for the objects, besides the cost of a new and spacious site, if the Commissioners would remove the institution to Aurora. That tempting offer produced its contemplated effect. It was electric. It brought the friends of the institution here and elsewhere to their feet. It moved some of the distant Commissioners to advise its acceptance in the event of inability on the part of the board to otherwise raise the needed amount. And it moved the resident Commissioners, Trustees, and prominent friends of the institution in Auburn to make the subject paramount to every other until it should be either accepted or declined. For several weeks, perhaps months, the question of its removal to Aurora was a sort of spectre which "would not down" at the bidding of any man, here or elsewhere. At length, and in view of the fact that some of the most zealous friends of the institution were then resting under obligations incurred in the rebuilding of the costly First Presbyterian Church in this city, Mr. Morgan concluded to supplement his offer with an alternative to the effect that if they, the Commissioners, or the Commissioners and Trustees, or the friends of the institution in Auburn, would themselves raise, to be paid within a specified time, the sum of $225,000, he would himself contribute $75,000 dollars, (making up the entire sum asked for by the Commissioners,) without insisting upon any removal. By extraordinary efforts the sum proposed by Mr. Morgan for them to raise was obtained, whereupon he put his $75,000 with it and made it full. By the force of his wealth, his character, and those two alternative propositions he brought others as well as himself to the work which but for him would probably be still unperformed, and secured to the corporation the needed $300,000.

Comfortable quarters for students being the next thing in order on his calendar, he lost no time in having a plan of a dormitory for students prepared and the work put under way. The building erected and nearly completed was designed by Mr Sturgess, the architect, of your City. It is of the same general style as the library building, which it faces to the east. It is two hundred feet long, forty-seven feet broad, and five stories high. Its walls are of gray lime-stone; the door and window piers and caps Ohio sand-stone. The first story is being finished for three separate dining-rooms, which may be thrown together upon public occasions, if necessary, and for the residences of the steward and janitor. Adjacent to the dining-rooms there will be inserted improved arrangements for cooking. The upper lofts, reached by three separate stairways and threaded by halls, are being finished into seventy-two apartments for students, with bedrooms and bath-rooms adjacent. The piers and mantels of the fire-places are of enameled marbleized slate, and the fire-places themselves contain grates for the burning of coal. The entire inside wood work is of black ash, and is to be finished in oil. The masonry is nearly complete. The joinery is so far advanced that Messrs. King & Phillips, the contractors, say that it will be entirely complete in June. All the expenses for the edifice thus far, they say, have been defrayed by Mr. Morgan. When complete it will be not only a great acquisition to the institution, but another stately and enduring monument of the munificence of Edwin B. Morgan.

One-third of the $300,000 has been well invested by the Trustees and the interest thereof appropriated to the increase of the salaries of the five active Professors. That enables the Trustees to pay each of them promptly the moderate, but nevertheless respectable, compensation, over and above the use of their respective residences, of $3,000 a year. The remainder which may be left after the dormitory shall have been completed will be devoted to such purposes as the Trustees shall hereafter deem most advantageous to the institution, whose corporate property, inclusive of investments, endowments, and books, may now be fairly estimated at $600,000. The institution will have further need, however, for buildings and endowments to meet the growing demands of theological education, which, judging from past liberality shown it, will in due time be met.

Of those who have had the ability there have been very few who have had the disposition to be public benefactors. And of those who have had the disposition there have been very few who have had the wisdom to give effect to their benefactions in their lifetime, when they were able to superintend their administration. Mr. Morgan, like his distinguished neighbor Henry Welles, and the late Ezra Cornell, possesses both the disposition and the wisdom. Having the ability and the disposition to be a public benefactor, and having selected this institution as one of the objects of his bounty, he wisely concluded to dispense that bounty in his lifetime, so that he might be perfectly certain that it reached and accomplished the purposes intended. He has bestowed $100,000 upon one of the most deserving seminaries in the State, and supervised its economical expenditure; and he has performed this labor of love so quietly and unostentatiously that it is scarcely known outside the circle of the beneficiaries and of his own immediate neighbors and friends.

For this splendid and wisely administered gift he will enjoy during the remainder of his days on earth not only the comfort derived from the consciousness that by it he renewed the life of a worthy religious institution in his county very highly venerated by his lamented son, lifted it to a higher plane of usefulness, and invested it with new capacities for sending forth heralds for the civilization and salvation of the race, but, also, and in an eminent degree, the supreme felicity of doing good. He seems to desire no other earthly reward. H.

THE SHERIFF'S JURY.

ITS COMPOSITION AND CONDUCT—A SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT ON THE PART OF COUNSEL AND CLIENTS—A CASE IN POINT—NAMES OF THE PERSONS NOW ON THE PANEL.

The composition and conduct of Sheriff's juries in this City have for some time past been a subject of complaint on the part of lawyers, and of their clients as well. Not only are the findings of the jury and the arbitrary proceedings of the Under Sheriff in refusing the time necessary to a fair trial objected to, but the manner in which the present Sheriff's panel is summoned and the legal status of the panel itself are questioned. It is claimed that the only prescribed method for selecting a Sheriff's jury is that laid down for the selection of Grand and Petit Juries in the act of May 2, 1870, which prescribes that in all cases except those of Grand Jurors the names shall first be selected by the Commissioner of Jurors from those of all the persons liable to jury duty, the requisite number drawn by the County Clerk, the jurors summoned by the Sheriff, and impaneled by the court. In the face of this statute it has been the custom of the Sheriff for twenty years past to summon whom he pleased for this duty. On his accession to office each Sheriff strikes off whatever names may not happen to suit him, and appoints a personal friend or favorite to the vacancy. The result is that in cases where the Sheriff has a direct or indirect interest in the jury's finding for one of the parties, the verdict is almost invariably in favor of that party. The Sheriff further employs advisory counsel, and where one of the parties to the issue chooses to employ the advisory counsel as his own, the spectacle is presented of the Sheriff, by his deputy, presiding at a trial where the jury are of his own choosing, and the counsel on one side are also his own. The jury, of course, find in favor of the side represented by the Sheriff's lawyers. This was seen in the case of Stanley vs. Chamberlain, tried on Monday last, and the particulars of which were reported in THE TIMES a few days ago. In this instance the presiding Under Sheriff, Cummings, not only refused to postpone the trial to allow material witnesses to be subpœnaed, but ruled the counsel for the plaintiff out of order when he attempted to call the jury's attention to the fact that the attorney for the other side was also the paid counsel for the Sheriff. Many of the present Sheriff's jurors have held their positions for ten and even fifteen years with every prospect of continuing to hold them for as long a period in the future. They receive no compensation save an annual dinner at Delmonico's. Whenever an unfortunate client objects to this summary and uniform nature of their verdicts, he is referred to the list of names on the panel, and his attention is called to the respectability of the persons composing it.

The following is a list of the names of persons now serving in the panels of the Sheriff's jury, under the administration of Mr. Conner:

FIRST PANEL.

John J. Adams,	George W. Smith,
Hector Armstrong,	Joseph Struthers,
Theodore F. Barnes,	Austin D. Thompson,
John H. Boynton,	Manton E. Townsend,
James M. Brown,	Daniel Underhill,
Ira Brown,	Alfred A. Valentine,
William A. Camp,	George E. White,
John L. Carbery,	James Hutchinson,
Abraham H. Cardozo,	Franklin M. Ketchum,
John Carle, Jr.,	Charles G. Landon,
William H. Caswell,	Henry Mayer,
Edward W. Coleman,	William Miles,
Elias Plum, Jr.,	Henry F. Morgan,
James Pringle,	Washington Nathan,
John H. Riston,	George Opdyke,
Roswell G. Rolston,	Benjamin C. Poddock,
Jacob Russell,	J. Seaver Place,
Martin L. Crowell,	William W. Wright,
George W. Debevoise,	Hewlett Scudder,
Cornelius H. Delamater,	Thomas E. Hanson,
Lawrence R. Fitzgerald,	Waldron P. Brown,
Edward Frith,	William H. Appleton,
Florence M. Florence,	Thomas Chatterton,
Samuel J. Harriot,	Jacob D. Nordlinger,
Francis M. Harris,	Floyd F. Kane,
Joseph M. Hazeltine,	Samuel A. Lewis,
Joshua Hendricks,	W. Watts Sherman,
Robert J. Hoguet,	Fred. D. Tappen,
Alfred M. Hoyt,	John V. Wheeler,
Clinton Hunter,	James Scott.
Aaron P. Wilcox,	

SECOND PANEL.

Bernard L. Ackerman,	Gerard Betts,
Cody Anthuger,	William T. Booth,
Samuel P. Avery,	Thomas C. Cassidy,
William A. Beach,	Nathan W. Chater,
John D. Cecil,	William H. DeForest,
Albert L. DeCamp,	John Dewsnap,
William Depew,	Fred. B. Elliot,
Abraham J. Dovale,	George W. Evans,
John Elliott,	Robert A. Fiess,
Joseph M. Fisher,	Charles W. Hall,
Alfred A. Fountain,	Leonard Hazeltine, Jr.,
Washington A. Hall,	Mortimer Hendricks,
George V. Hecker,	John B. Hillyer,
Edward B. Heydecker,	Richard A. Hunt,
William B. Hoffman,	John H. Knapp,
Eugene Kelly,	Philip Lynn,
Samuel T. Knapp,	William S. Matthews,
Lewis Mealli,	George A. Meyer,
Frederick W. Meyer,	Jabez E. Munsell,
Lionel Moses,	Adolph Pfender,
Peter J. Nevins,	George Place,
Carl Pfendler,	Samuel R. Spelman,
William Remsen,	Robert M. Stratton, Jr.,
George A. Robbins,	James Scott,
Henry Rogers,	J. Nelson Tappen,
William H. Ritter,	Lawson V. Tilton,
Stephen G. Searls,	Frederick W. Van Strade,
Adon Smith, Jr.,	Fletcher Westray,
Edmund A. Smith,	Randolph A. Whitthaus,
George Smith,	Gustavus A. Whitthaus,
Henry Smith,	John M. Burke,
Graham Youngs,	James Moore,
Samuel A. O. Murphy,	William H. Popham,
John P. March,	David Scott.

The apparently inexplicable feature of the case is that their decisions should be all one way. An ex-official, for more than ten years connected with the Sheriff's office, informed a TIMES reporter that in all his professional experience he never knew a Sheriff's jury, in a case of disputed title, to decide against the claimant. As such a decision involves the filing of a bond of indemnity on the part of the plaintiff, by which the latter is pledged to meet all the expenses incurred by the Sheriff, in case the latter is sued by the claimant, the judgment amounts to a virtual verdict for the Sheriff. The legitimate effect is to throw additional difficulties in the way of creditors, and to render them practically powerless against fraudulent transfers on the part of the defendant.

ENGLISH AUTHORITIES ON AMERICAN TROTTERS.

The author of *The Book on the Horse* and manager of the annual London Horse Show, in a communication to the London *Times* concerning the deterioration of certain kinds of horses in England and the uselessness of Government interference to prevent it, remarks: "There are two countries in which horses of different kinds have been brought—in one within 200 years and in the other within seventy years—to the greatest perfection—England and the United States. What the English horse is every one knows. The American trotting horse has been pronounced by sound Yorkshire authorities unrivaled for action, constitution, and temper. Both of, or rather all, these tribes have been produced by private enterprise, without the slightest assistance or interference from the Government of either country."

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

HOMEWARD-BOUND PASSAGE OF THE SWATARA.

DESCRIPTION OF CHATHAM ISLAND—FESTIVITIES IN NEW-ZEALAND—CLAM FEVER AT DUNEDIN—ARRIVAL AT HOBART TOWN.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HOBART TOWN, Tasmania, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1875.

In my last letter I left the Swatara at Chatham Island, and as that distant locality has not been written up in any of the school geographies, it may not be amiss to give a brief description of it.

Chatham Island, as seen from Wangaroa Bay, presents by no means an inviting prospect. Close to the shores of the bay on the south-west side is situated a settler's cabin, with a rude garden attached, and on the north-west side a small patch of timber, among which stands a house, built years ago by some shipwrecked mariners. In the distance one can see nothing but a succession of low, bleak-looking hills, covered by coarse grass, with not even a tree to break the dull monotony of the view. The other side of the island, however, is said to be more attractive. The grass is more luxuriant, trees are more plentiful, and three or four picturesque hills, the highest of which attains an altitude of 600 feet, can be seen. The island belongs to New-Zealand, and has a population of 202 souls, of which about fifty are natives, and the remainder whites. The Government is administered by a single individual, who combines in himself the functions of magistrate, postmaster, collector of taxes, and custom-house officer—for, although the island is small, they nevertheless levy import duties. In the discharge of all these functions this official is assisted by a constable. The island also boasts a doctor and a church, but no clergyman. Almost the only industry pursued is wool-raising, and the settlers now possess more than thirty thousand sheep, which yield them an annual revenue of about $37,000. The estates, or runs, as they are called here, are very large. I have heard of one containing 42,000 acres, and the inhabitants are necessarily greatly scattered. Beyond a garden patch of an acre or so attached to each residence, little land is cultivated, and everything, even to the flour used in making bread, comes from New-Zealand. The climate is damp, and the weather uniform throughout the year, extremes of heat or cold being unknown. All sorts of vegetables, as well as strawberries, gooseberries, and apples, grow luxuriantly; but stone fruits, such as cherries and plums, do not come to perfection for want of sufficient sunshine. As usual in thinly-settled pastoral countries, there are no roads, except bridle-paths, which in many places are so bad that the horses sink to their necks in the mud among the bogs. The island boasts but one village—the little hamlet of Waitangi, consisting of a dozen houses, two of which are "hotels," or, to speak plainly, rum-shops; and, sad to relate, the demand for spirits is so great that their stock is frequently exhausted when anything happens to delay the regular arrival of the little schooner Magellan Cloud, which makes monthly trips between the island and New-Zealand, and is the only means of communication with the outer world.

While at Chatham Island the inhabitants treated us in the most hospitable manner, inviting us to their homes, and freely placing their horses at our disposal. We could not, however, remain long to enjoy their kindness. Mr. Smith soon got his instruments on board, and early in the morning of Jan. 7 we hoisted our homeward-bound pennant and sailed for New-Zealand. As everybody may not know what a homeward bound pennant is, perhaps it may be well to explain that when a ship of war has arrived at the furthest point of her cruise and turns homeward she replaces her ordinary pennant by one the length of her mainmast. At each port subsequently visited the pennant is lengthened a little until, at the last port entered prior to returning home, it attains the length of the ship. These long pennants are never worn except by "homeward bounders," and hence their name. Ours was 125 feet long at Chatham Island, but when we finally sail for the United States it will have increased to no less than 224 feet, and, in a light breeze, will trail in the water behind us.

Our passage to New Zealand was remarkably pleasant, the sea being very smooth and the wind so light that we were compelled to steam most of the way. It only occupied three days and nine hours, and at 3:45 P. M. on Sunday, Jan. 10, we once more anchored in Port Chalmers. Here we learned that on the preceding Friday the Otago Institute had given a public dinner at Dunedin to the members of the French and American Transit of Venus parties, and that the affair had passed off with great eclat, speeches having been made by the President of the Institute; M. Bouquet de la Grye, chief of the French party; Dr. C. H. F. Peters, chief of the American party, and others. At Dunedin we found that great excitement existed among the epicures on the subject of clam soup. In the latter part of December, when we were last at Port Chalmers, some of our officers accidentally discovered a fine bed of clams, and naturally enough took some on board and had soup made of them. It so happened that one or two Dunedin gentlemen dined with us that day, and being pleased with the soup inquired what it was, and whether we had brought the clams from New-York. Imagine our surprise at thus discovering that they were ignorant of the existence of clams in their own harbor! We told them, however, where to find and how to cook the bivalves; and during our absence the incident became town talk, and everybody was anxious to taste clam soup. On the evening of Jan. 13, Mrs. Driver, the charming wife of the United States Consul at Dunedin, gave in our honor one of the most delightful balls which it has been our good fortune to attend during the cruise. It was held in the Temperance Hall, and the guests, about two hundred in number, represented the very best society of the city. The ladies being fascinating, the music exceptionally good, and the supper excellent, our officers found it difficult to say good night, and the festivities were prolonged until well-nigh dawn. We expected to have sailed the next day, but a high wind and a heavy sea detained us till 6:45 P. M. on Jan. 15, when we bade farewell to Port Chalmers.

Sixteen hours' steaming brought us to Bluff Harbor, where we took on board the instruments belonging to the New-Zealand party. The Bluff is only a small village, from whence a railroad of four feet eight and one-half inches gauge runs eighteen miles up the river to Invercargil, a rapidly-growing town of 3,000 inhabitants. The country in the neigaborhood is flat and uninteresting, and the town itself almost a duplicate of some of those in our own Western States. The streets are wide, and laid out at right angles to each other, but the houses are mostly small, not more than one or two stories high, and, with few exceptions, built of wood. Business seems brisk, and as the people are doing well, fine buildings will doubtless come in due time. Here the citizens gave us a complimentary ball, which was held in the drill shed on the evening of Jan. 19. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with flags and implements of war, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The party did not break up until 4 o'clock in the morning, when we returned to the Swatara by the 7:15 A. M. train. The railroad track is fringed with woods in which the ra-ta, or iron-wood tree abounds, and the rays of the rising sun falling on its gorgeous crimson blossoms imparted to them a beauty glorious to behold.

A few minutes after noon our anchor was hauled up, and we left Bluff Harbor, but before we had got through Foveaux Strait we encountered a gale so severe that we could make no headway against it, and were glad to put back into Port William, latitude 45 degrees 50 minutes south, longtitude 168 degrees 6 minutes east. Here we remained until next morning, Jan. 21, when the gale having abated, we once more went to sea, and after a very rough and stormy passage we arrived safely in Hobart Town at 11:45 A. M. on Jan. 29.

LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS.

FURTHER INCIDENTS OF THE ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN OF 1858.

From the Quincy (Ill.) Whig, March 22.

On the 17th inst. we published a letter from Mr. J. K. Magie, of Springfield, to Hon. Joseph Medill, and the reply made by the latter, in which he produced some facts in relation to the celebrated oratorical contest between Lincoln and Douglas during the campaign of 1858, which turned the scale in favor of Mr. Lincoln for the Presidency. Learning that Mr. Henry Asbury had some letters bearing upon the subject in question, a *Whig* reporter visited his office this morning and asked him if he had any letters from Abraham Lincoln regarding the campaign of 1858. Mr. Asbury replied in substance as follows:

Yes. On the 28th of July, 1858, I wrote to Mr. Lincoln asking him to put certain questions to Douglas. The questions were substantially the same as those afterward put by Mr. Lincoln to Douglas at Freeport, the most important one being "Q.—Can the people of a United States Territory in any lawful way, against the wish of any citizen of the United States, exclude slavery from its limits prior to the formation of a State Constitution?"

On the 31st of July, 1858, Mr. Asbury received from Mr. Lincoln, in reply to his letter of the 28th of July, the following letter:

SPRINGFIELD, July 31, 1858.

Henry Asbury, Esq.:

MY DEAR SIR: Yours of the 28th is received. The points you propose to press upon Douglas he will be very hard to get up to, but I think you labor under a mistake when you say no one cares how he answers. This implies that it is equal with him whether he is injured here or at the South. This is a mistake. He cares nothing for the South; he knows he is already dead there. He only leans Southward more to keep the Buchanan party from growing in Illinois. You shall have hard work to get him to say publicly that the people of a territorial Legislature has or has not the power to exclude slavery. But if you succeed in bringing him to it—though he will be compelled to say it possesses no such power—he will instantly take ground that slavery cannot actually exist in the territories unless the people desire it, and so give it protection by territorial legislation. If this offends the South he will let it offend them, as, at all events, he means to hold on to his chances in Illinois. You will soon learn by the papers that both the Judge and myself are in Ogden's on the 13th of October, when and where I expect the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours, very truly. A. LINCOLN.

After the election was over, and on the 13th of November, 1858, it appearing that Mr. Lincoln would be beaten in the Legislature for Senator, Mr. Asbury wrote to Mr. Lincoln, saying, in substance, that though beaten, the fight had been glorious, and that the Republican flag must not be lowered an inch. To this Mr. Lincoln, under date of the 19th of November, 1858, made the following ringing reply:

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 19, 1858.

Henry Asbury, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 13th was received some days ago. The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one or even one hundred defeats. Douglas had the ingenuity to be supported in the late contest as the tools or means to break down and to uphold the slave interest. No ingenuity can keep those antagonistic elements in harmony long. Another explosion will soon come. Yours truly, A. LINCOLN.

On or about the 25th of August, 1858, believed to be the date of Mr. Lincoln's speech at Augusta, Hancock county, Ill., Mr. Asbury met Mr. Lincoln in the little parlor of the tavern at Augusta, where Mr. Lincoln first stopped, and ventured to ask about those questions to be put to Douglas. Mr. Lincoln expressed himself very doubtful as to the policy of pressing the main question. Mr. Asbury thought the question, if put, would have important results, at all events. The next day after, Mr. Lincoln went to Macomb. Mr. Asbury says he never did expect Mr. Lincoln to succeed in the Senatorial race, but he always thought that the man who should cause Douglas to loose his hold on the South would himself become President, and that man was Lincoln.

ALDERMAN McCARTHY AND THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

On Thursday Alderman McCarthy visited the Department of Public Parks, and met there a friend to whom he had given a letter to the Park Commissioners recommending him to a position in the public service. All work of construction had been stopped that morning by the Department, and not only was Mr. McCarthy's nominee unable to obtain his coveted position, but a large number of workmen, among whom were some of Mr. McCarthy's constituents, had just been thrown out of employment.

The Alderman was very indignant in his manner, and threatened to introduce a resolution in the Board of Aldermen in relation to the Park Department. The threat produced no effect on the Commissioners so far as the appointment of Mr. McCarthy's friend or the reinstating of any of his constituents were concerned. Later in the day the Alderman carried his threat into execution by introducing the resolution reflecting upon the Department of Parks which was printed in yesterday's TIMES. Mr. McCarthy, in speaking to this resolution, said that he understood that about $60,000 of the construction fund of the Park Department had been devoted to other purposes, necessitating the removal of about 250 laborers and others. The resolution was adopted on the strength of this statement.

Mr. Henry G. Stebbins stated to a TIMES reporter on Saturday that there was no truth in the statement made in the preamble. He said that no money had been used for any other purposes than for what it had been appropriated, except by the authority of the law. The department had its money supplied from two different sources—that for construction purposes appropriated by the State Legislature and placed to its credit in the Finance Department of the City; and that for maintenance and government, which is used for keeping the parks and buildings in order, supplied by the Board of Apportionment. The division of the expenditures and the determining of the proper quota to be charged to each of these funds necessitated a constant watchfulness. Should they undertake to keep them entirely separate, they would have to keep two separate sets of clerks, and employ one on construction accounts and the other on maintenance accounts. For the sake of economy they only keep one set. The salaries are charged to each in proportion to the amount of work done on each. All times, he said, it becomes a question of engineering to tell to which fund a piece of work should be charged. For example: When they were instructed to build Manhattan Park, and had begun work on it, they were further instructed to build a Museum of Natural History within the Park limits out of a different fund. Some of the work was charged under misapprehension to the wrong fund, and when this was discovered they were at great pains to correct the charges. They were so corrected on the books of the Department, and word was sent to the Department of Finance of the corrections, but the corrections were never made on their books.

The way the story of a misappropriation arose he thought was this: In 1873 there was a change of book-keepers made in the department. That year $1,000,000 was appropriated by the Legislature to the construction fund. By a clerical error a balance of $70,000 was brought forward on the books of money supposed to be to the credit of the department at the Chamberlain's which was not there. This error was not discovered until Wednesday, when the book-keeper immediately informed him, and he, knowing that if that was the case they had but little left to their credit on that fund, asked if they had run over the limit. The answer was, "No." He then ordered all work stopped. Mr. Stebbins says that they have enough to pay every dollar on all contracts, but no more.

A BRIDEGROOM'S DIFFICULTIES IN RICHMOND.

The following tale of disappointment is told by the Richmond (Va.) *Whig*:

A few days since a young gentleman came to this city from the North to be married. His intended was to meet him here, and the Rev. Dr. Hoge was requested to be on hand the next day to unite them in the bond of matrimony. It appears that the young gentleman was not quite of age, and while he had the consent of his parents to the proposed marriage, yet such consent had not been given in writing. He went, as young gentlemen usually do in a similar fix, with palpitating heart, to get the license, when he was politely informed by the clerk that he must have the written consent of his parents before such license could be given him.

This was a terrible back-set to the bridegroom expectant, and at first he scarcely knew what to do. The preacher, the intended, and the friends were assembled, and everything ready, when the young gentleman burst in and informed them that "it could not be." After awhile one of the party suggested that in Washington, D. C., the law was not so rigorous, and that there no parents' chirography need be exhibited. The suggestion, eagerly given, was as eagerly adopted, and the young gentleman went on to Washington, the young lady and her mother soon following, and the happy pair were made one. The happy bridegroom, however, thinks that Richmond is as hard on young men traveling in search of a wife as "traveling sample merchants." All parties alluded to occupy high social position, and we withhold their names by special request.

A WEST SIDE CHURCH.

SKETCH OF THE TWENTY-THIRD STREET PRESBYTERIAN EDIFICE.

ITS RISE AND PROGRESS—ITS EARLY ORGANIZATION AND SUBSEQUENT MINISTERS—LIST OF ITS PRESENT OFFICERS—SKETCH OF THE PRESENT PASTOR—REV. ERSKINE N. WHITE, D. D.

The West Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church was organized over forty-one years ago. It had a small beginning, but by the energy and perseverance of its founders it soon grew in wealth and influence. Forty years ago that portion of the City lying in the vicinity of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue was destitute of church accommodation, and to meet the wants of a section of the community the West Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church was organized on the 9th of February, 1834, with thirteen members. It was not then, however, known as "The Twenty-third Street Church," as it was not until 1852 that the present edifice was erected. The first organization of the church was effected in a temporary place of worship, which had been prepared on the west side of Eighth avenue, above Nineteenth street. Rev. William W. Phillips, D. D., presided on that occasion, and officiated at the ordination of the Elders and Deacons. The sermon was preached by Rev. Daniel L. Carroll, D. D., from Isaiah, lxii., 1, "For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." John Marshall and James Scott were ordained Elders and Samuel Gurnee Deacon. During the first two years of its existence the church was under the care of Rev. James C. Edwards, then a licentiate of the Presbytery of Newton, N. J. During this period the congregation worshiped in a hall at Eighth avenue, and afterward in Seventeenth street. The first regular Pastor was Rev. Henry A. Riley, who was installed by the Presbytery of New-York on the 25th of April, 1835. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Phillips; the charge to the Pastor was given by Rev. Jared Dewing and the charge to the people by Rev. Dr. Krebs.

Mr. Riley was an energetic and hard-working minister, and owing to his efforts the membership increased in four years, from 1835 to 1839, to 120. In April, 1839, Mr. Riley was succeeded by Rev. Robert C. Brisbin, who held the office for two years. When he left he had the satisfaction of seeing the membership double what it was when he took charge. In May, 1841, Rev. James J. Ostrom was invited to the charge of the congregation, and a few months later was installed as Pastor. During his pastorate, which continued for eleven years, the church grew rapidly in strength, and in 1844 erected an edifice on West Twentieth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. This building, although afterward enlarged, became in 1852 too small for the congregation, which had grown rapidly while under the care of Mr. Ostrom. Rev. Frederick G. Clark, D. D., was installed as Pastor April 21, 1852, by the Fourth Presbytery of New-York. During the same year the congregation resolved to erect a large and commodious house of worship on West Twenty-third street. The corner-stone of the present building was laid in the Spring of 1853, and on the second Sunday of March, 1854, the church was solemnly dedicated to the service of God. The cost of this building, with the ground, was upward of $60,000. During the pastorate of Dr. Clark more than 500 members were added to the church, the debt, amounting to $23,500, was entirely paid, and the building, having been seriously injured by fire, was remodeled and arranged in its present form. In the Spring of 1867 Dr. Clark resigned the charge of the church, and in the Autumn of the same year Rev. Henry D. Northrop was installed as Pastor. He remained in charge for nearly seven years, resigning in May, 1874, in order to assume the pastorate of a Congregational church in Hartford, Conn. During seven years of his pastorate more than 400 were added to the membership of the church, and the church enjoyed much prosperity, both spiritual and temporal.

The present Pastor, Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., was installed by the Presbytery of New-York Dec. 13, 1874. The sermon was preached by Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., the charge to the Pastor was given by Rev. Mancius H. Hutton, of Mount Vernon, and the charge to the people by Rev. Alexander McLean, D. D. Rev. Dr. Newell, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The church edifice on Twenty-third street, near Seventh avenue, is of brown stone, built in the round-arch Gothic style, with two towers and a spire. The organ is behind the pulpit, and there are galleries upon the sides. It will seat 900 or 1,000 persons. The officers of the church are:

Elders—C. B. Dales, J. M. Edgar, William Darrow, Henry C. Halsey, O. W. Morris, D. B. Pike, and H. Zabriskie.

Deacons—W. Brown and B. De Lamater.

Trustees—W. Darrow, J. H. Filson, B. T. Norris, H. Zabriskie, J. H. Grovesteen, J. G. Menzies, and J. A. Beardsley.

REV. ERSKINE N. WHITE, D. D.

Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D., the present Pastor, was born in this City in 1833. He is a son of Mr. Norman White, President of the Mercantile Bank. He graduated at Yale College in 1854, and at the Union Theological Seminary of this City in 1857. He was licensed to preach in 1857 by the Third Presbytery of New-York, and after spending nearly two years abroad, completing his preparations for the ministry, was ordained by the Classis (Reformed Dutch) of New-York, and installed Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Richmond, Staten Island, June, 1859. Three years later, in the Autumn of 1863, he assumed the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at New-Rochelle, where he remained for six years. In June, 1868, he was invited to the pastorate of Westminster Church, Buffalo, N. Y., and in October of the same year removed to that city. He was called to his present position in August, 1874, and assumed its duties in November last.

JACOB'S DREAM.

Sermon by Rev. Erskine N. White, D. D.

We are apt to think of the patriarchs and great men of the Scriptures only as they appear in their full development as actors in the great drama of sacred history. Abraham is to us the "father of the faithful," and Jacob the Israel, who, as a Prince, had power with God. But this evening, in looking upon the scene portrayed in our Scripture, we must think of Jacob as the young man—ambitious, unscrupulous, yet undeveloped, fleeing from the brother he had wronged, and on his way to seek fortune and a wife among distant relatives. He goes out from his father's house, and turns backward upon the long road years before trodden by his grand-father Abraham when traveling to the promised Canaan. The sun sinks behind the horizon, darkness gathers around him; he is weary; he must rest for the night. On the bare ground, with stones for his pillows, with the dew sparkling upon his raiment, with no canopy above him but the arching sky, with the starlight glimmering upon his face, he slept, a stranger and alone. He dreamed. Behold a ladder set up on the face of the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven, and behold the angels of the Lord ascending and descending upon it. Above the ladder stood the Lord, speaking words of promise both for himself and for his children after him. He should be kept in all places whither he should go; he should be brought back in safety to the land of his birth, and his seed should be multiplied as the dust of the earth. No wonder that Jacob rose from that stony pillow encouraged and strengthened. Deeply impressed, he exclaims "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not. How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' He builds his pillows into a memorial altar and goes his way, but henceforth the spot is sacred. Others may found a city there, and call it Luz, but to Jacob the place where he found God present with him is forever Bethel—the House of God. As we look at the picture given us of Jacob's vision, we see that it has a three-fold meaning. Its significance grows upon us as we look upon the dreamer as a man, as an heir of the promises, and as a representative of a fallen yet redeemed race.

I. *Jacob as a man.*

Jacob was at this time a young man, fleeing from the very natural wrath of his defrauded brother. As yet he had given no evidence of any special nobility of character. Thus far in his career there had appeared in him nothing worthy of comparison with the princely characteristics of his grandfather Abraham, or the serene faith of his father Isaac. While doubtless he trusted in a general way in the God of his ancestors, he seems to have held to the common notion of the heathen of his day that a God was a local deity confined to the special region in which he was worshiped. Self-confident, selfish, narrow-minded, and irreligious, he started out upon his journey to Padan-Aram. But the Lord had need of him, and he was to be aroused to recognize the Divine presence and power.

This was the lesson of the dream to him as a man. He saw—so that never again he could doubt—that heaven and earth are near each other; that the Lord stands over every place, and that angelic messengers are engaged in unceasing errands from heaven to earth and from earth to heaven. Thus he realizes the reality and the nearness of Divine things. How solemnly he confesses his past blindness: "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." No wonder that he is afraid as he realizes that there upon the lonely hillside, far from the abode of man, is "the house of God;" the "very gate of heaven."

My hearers, if you are ever to enter into communion with God, there must come such an hour of revelation to you. The first step is taken toward the new life that is to be trodden in faith when you realize the constant nearness of Divine things and the unceasing presence of God. The thought of the heart too often is that while there is a God and doubtless spiritual realities, yet they belong to a sphere totally different from that of the events of daily life. Thus there is a practical atheism that never acknowledges God as having interest in the secular affairs of men during the busy life of six days in the week. I do not doubt that to most men, were they suddenly caused, like Jacob, to see God present with them, there would come an emotion of indescribable surprise and awe. Imagine yourself, like him, isolated, alone, I will not say upon a bleak hillside, but in your comfortable library, or your counting-room, when the hum of business is hushed, or in the workshop when the tools are thrown down for the night. There, as some providential event of the day comes home to your heart, a convincing proof that you are never alone, or as you bow under the weight of some recent affliction, or tremble before impending calamity, and then look up to God and realize that upon that very spot there is a ladder joining earth and heaven, that there God's messengers to you are ever coming and returning, while He above is looking down into your very heart of hearts, would not you, too, say, "How dreadful is this place; this is none other but the house of God, the very gate of heaven!" This, I say, is the very first step in that higher life which is revealed to those who put their trust in God. Before any soul can rest in the thought of Divine protection it must know the Divine presence as a reality. Jacob needed to be arrested and startled on his way to Padan-Aram as truly as Saul on his way to Damascus. And so, too, every man for whom the Lord has in store a better life must needs learn that every place is the house of God, and that wherever he stands, could his eyes be opened, he would see a gate of heaven.

II. *The vision has a meaning for Jacob as an heir of God's promises.*

God had called Abraham

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Our dispatches this morning from our correspondent in Rochester show very clearly what sort of men the chiefs of the Canal Ring are. It will be seen that they have applied to the management of their projects in Rochester the same tactics that have been employed in serving the State. The Lords were pupils and fellow-students of the great Tweed in the art of getting rich out of politics. They have remorselessly bled the prosperous inland City of Rochester as Tweed bled the Metropolis. Nor was this all. Each set of desperadoes were the coadjutors of the other set. The Lords not only saddled Rochester with debt to line their own pockets, but they lent a hand to Tweed while that "statesman" was doing the same for New-York, and Tweed responded. The whole business is a striking illustration of a point to which we have called attention elsewhere—the extent to which politics have fallen into the hands of men who "work" them for gain, and care nothing for the principles of honesty and fidelity by which they should be guided.

In another part of this paper we print an interesting analysis of the voting classes of this City. The figures given, as well as the deductions therefrom, are most significant. They show the shallowness of the pretenses of the so-called "Home Rule" party. The fact is that there is no such thing as home rule in this City. New-York is not even an American city; it is governed by a fragment of the population which is not native to the soil, nor yet so thoroughly Americanized as to be depended upon to carry out the fundamental ideas of the Republic. How true this is can be shown at a glance, if figures and comparisons mean anything. The main strength of Tammany is in its naturalized voters. But the popular slogan of Tammany just now is "Home Rule." How much "Home Rule" does the chief City of the United States really have?

It is said that the geological expedition to examine the Black Hills country is to determine whether gold exists there or not. As we understand it, the Government not only desires to settle that disputed point for the benefit of gold-hunting mankind, but in order to find the real value of the territory. If we are to pay the Sioux for the extinguishment of their title to the reservation, we do not want "to buy a pig in a poke," to use the rustic figure. The Indians are reported to be favorable to the objects of the expedition, and will aid it. We must suppose the Sioux are an honest people. If they were as unscrupulous as some of our own "superior race," they could easily put a fictitious value on their hunting-grounds by a little judicious "salting" of the land.

James Lick's munificence has been so generally cited throughout the civilized world as an example to rich men that it would be a pity if he should now materially lessen his gifts. By the original deed of trust, executed last July, he conveyed over three-quarters of a million dollars to Trustees, who were directed to expend it for certain specified public works and charitable purposes. That deed has now been revoked; but a dispatch says that this is done partly on account of Mr. Lick's returning health and his consequent desire to attend to the execution of his own designs. It is understood that persons having natural claims upon him are to be provided for; and there will be some interest in the result of this reconsideration of a remarkable ante-mortem disposition of large wealth.

The natural anxiety of the public concerning the condition of the ice-gorged streams of Pennsylvania may be allayed by latest reports. The safety of the region threatened by floods depends upon the rapidity with which the ice melts. A sudden thaw would be disastrous. Up to this date, however, there has not been enough mild weather to dissolve any of the great gorges, and the thermometer does not indicate any sudden danger. The people along the Susquehanna and branches live in a state of constant alarm, and certainly deserve the sympathy of those who are not obliged to spend their time watching the river-gauge and the barometer.

LACK OF INTEREST IN POLITICS.

No one will deny that it is a very general difficulty in the way of the successful administration of our Government that many of those who are best able to vote intelligently do not vote at all, and that a large proportion of the men who are fitted for office will not take it or cannot get it. It will be generally admitted that this difficulty has grown upon us, and that, combined with others springing out of the war, it has seriously interfered with the healthy and efficient working of our institutions. We have no desire to exaggerate the trouble, and we are confident that it is one that will "cure itself." In other words, it is a difficulty the consequences of which will attract attention and cause its removal before it becomes too deeply rooted to be removed. But to this end it is necessary that public opinion shall be directed toward the subject.

In the last Presidential election not more than three out of four of those entitled to vote did so. In ordinary elections the proportion, so far as we can rely on an average from a considerable number of various cases, is about two to three. And this one-third or one-fourth unquestionably embraces a very large number of the most conscientious and intelligent men in the community, who refrain from voting, not because they cannot form a clear judgment of affairs, but because they do not think that either party deserves support, or because they think that an election is a choice of two evils, and that in the present condition of parties there is no choice. This may be, and often is, an unreasonable and unprofitable course; but it is one founded on respectable motives, and adopted by men whose influence on the conduct of public affairs, if they could be induced to take part in it, would be valuable.

If we ask ourselves how this deficit in the working force of the Republic is to be made up, the answer is not easy to find. So far as it results from laziness and indifference, we may let it pass, without regretting it. But so far as it results from faults in the administration of the Government, we should seek to remedy them. Our own impression is that much of the difficulty is due to the condition of the civil service in all our Governments, State and local, as well as national. For a great many years offices have been held to be the proper reward of purely partisan activity. This has been the practice, and to a great extent the avowed doctrine, of both political parties. The consequence is that there has grown up in the country a class of politicians by trade, that is, of men who are active in politics because it is profitable to be so, and for no other reason. This class, on both sides, is active and powerful. It is made up of office-holders and office-seekers, including in this definition those who make or expect to make a profit out of work or supplies rendered to the Government in any of its branches. The men who belong to this class can afford to give to the accomplishment of their purposes as much time, thought, and energy as other men usually give to their regular business. But while they are quite as active, they are much less scrupulous than most business men, and this for the reason that they are seldom compelled to deal with men whose interest is as defined and great as their own. A merchant who is willing to cheat is brought face to face with the man whom he tries to cheat, and who has the same motive to prevent that he has to perpetrate the fraud. But the professional politician who desires to "fix" a primary or a convention, in order to secure the nomination of a bad man, usually encounters either a languid sort of amateur opposition, which he makes light of, or else the opposition of men of his own kidney whom he can manage by bullying, bribing, or deceiving them. The fact that the character of our elected officers is determined not so much at the polls as in the caucus and the primary makes the work of the professional politician so much the more easy, and that of any disinterested citizens who undertake to make a contest with him so much the more difficult.

In this condition of affairs it is quite idle to preach the duty of respectable men to "attend the primaries." In some neighborhoods and in certain cases this is good advice, but in the cases where the influence of respectable men is most needed it is useless for them to try to control nominations by the ordinary machinery. That they will find already manned by persons whose bread and butter depend on working it to suit themselves or their principals. To defeat them from the outset is a work requiring so much time and labor, and the endurance of so much annoyance and insult withal, that most men will hold aloof from it, which is what the predatory politician secretly desires. The real remedy, so far as the cause we have pointed out exists, is to eradicate from the civil service, in all cases, the principle of reward for political service. When we shall have done that, all who take part in the conduct of the Government will be on an equal footing. We shall no longer see the mass of citizens pitted against a compact, disciplined, and industrious body of experts, like volunteer, untrained militia against experienced regulars. It was because the civil service reform begun by Gen. Grant for the National Government was based on this idea that we gave it our hearty support, so long as there was a breath of life in it. And though that reform died an early and disgraceful death, abandoned by its parent and treated with indifference by those for whose real advantage it was intended, it did a great deal of good in showing what *can* be done in the way of an honest and efficient non-partisan service. Some time the American people may discover the necessity of applying the method in earnest.

OUT OF TOWN.

Such weather as that with which we have been favored during the last two days sets many persons thinking about taking a holiday, either for the benefit of themselves or their families. The Winter has been long and severe. The changes in temperature have been remarkably great and sudden, and even when it has been fine overhead, a good healthy walk has been almost out of the question by reason of the dismal state of the streets. Never, probably—certainly not for many years past—has pneumonia done more fatal work in our midst. The young and the old have been mown down like grass. Parents know with what difficulty they have kept their children even moderately well through a Winter such as few of us would care to experience again. The doctors have been in most of our houses; and there have been many whom they will not be called upon to see again. And now the worst of the Winter is over, although nothing would surprise a well-seasoned New-Yorker less than to see two or three snow-storms before the "Spring" fairly opens. But every day of good weather in March is so much gained, and therefore we ought to be thankful for Saturday and Sunday.

A "little change" is now what our hard-working people need, and that is exactly what most of them cannot get. We can, indeed, change our situation from good to bad, or from bad to worse; but where can one go for three or four days, or a week, and make sure of finding good air, decent food, and a clean, comfortable bed? The Parisian can easily fix upon a dozen places of the kind outside the city. The tired Londoner may, in two or three hours at most, transport himself to St. Leonard's or Brighton, to the Surrey or Sussex Downs, or to the beautiful woodlands of Kent; and everywhere he may be assured of finding a hearty welcome at a good old-fashioned inn. It is the facility for taking a day or two's rest of this kind which helps to keep the Londoner from succumbing to the pressure of overwork. The scene can always be changed at an hour's notice, and almost any railroad that a man may take at random will put him down in the midst of beautiful scenery, and within reach of plain but wholesome fare and a clean room. The value of brief holidays of this kind in preserving health cannot be overestimated. The bent bow is unstrung, and the tired man of business returns to his store or his desk with a new lease of life.

We all know how rarely with us these results follow an excursion into the country or to the sea-side, even in Summer. People generally return from such occasional jaunts far more tired than when they set out. They are jaded by a dusty journey, and worn out with want of sleep—for sleep is not always to be got in a hot room on a wretched bed. The food is both unusual and unwholesome. And many of the prettiest places which are within reach of New-York are the hotbeds of chills and fever. You take your wife and children out of town for a week, for the benefit of their health, and they contract the seeds of a disease which clings to them for years. How many of our readers know of families who have gone through that experience? Of course, no regular inhabitant of these country places ever heard of chills and fever in their localities. They *did* hear of it five or six miles off a long time ago—but not a case has been known for years past. If you have got chills and fever, you must have caught it somewhere else, or brought it with you.

Staten Island is a pretty place, but the truth is not in a man who says that the "shakes" are not very often caught there. All along the Sound you may find the same enemy waiting for you round the corner. The Hudson River affords scenery as beautiful as a man need wish to behold, but we have heard of people catching fever and ague there also. Sea-side places are free from this pest, but few of them are really accessible to persons of moderate means. Coney Island, which ought to be the great breathing-place for families, is still infested by gamblers and rowdies. Long Branch is pleasant, but one needs be a broker or a banker to afford to live there. Newport is intended chiefly for millionaires. There are plenty of good places on Long Island, people will tell you; and so there are, if you do not mind living on muck and sleeping in a pig-sty. Mr. A. T. Stewart's new settlement at Hempstead is well managed, and the outward appearance of the hotel there is enough to attract visitors. But what on earth can one do at Hempstead when one gets there? There is no scenery, and so far as we can judge from the railroad cars, there can be no good drives. And we doubt whether a place so situated can be cool in Summer. All this does not detract from the credit which Mr. Stewart deserves for showing how a suburban settlement should be founded. His houses are really models of their kind, and we have no doubt that he has well attended to drainage, water-supply, and similar important necessities of life. In reality, however, such a settlement is not intended for chance visitors. And it is on their behalf that we speak to-day. Is there any place within the distance of an hour or two from New-York where fresh air, comfortable rooms, and decent fare may be obtained? We all know that there is not, although within twenty-four hours we shall receive a pack of cards from real estate agents, and several packets of letters from persons having houses to let, setting forth the unrivaled advantages of the highly desirable and "eligible" properties which they are anxious to dispose of.

REVIVALISTS.

The work of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in producing a religious excitement in London and other English cities is daily reported to us by ocean telegraph. A somewhat similar, though more quiet, effort is going on here, under Mr. Varley. The close of Winter and beginning of Spring is the ordinary season for these religious excitements, and a year of depression in business, or of public calamity, is the one in which they are most likely to thrive. There is much that is absurd and extravagant about these outbreaks of popular sympathy in regard to religion. They seem to belong to another world from the ordinary world of business around us, or from the thought which moves the scientific part of the community. The speakers and movers in them have conceptions of religion or philosophy which have long ceased with thinking persons. They resort to means of popular excitement, which reason condemns. The persons who are affected by the epidemic of sympathy often do or profess what afterward disgusts them in cold sobriety. Sometimes they react from religious fervor into skepticism and immorality. The soul of man seems sometimes after these "revivals," as they are called, to have been surfeited and overladen with unnatural stimulants, and finally to reject even healthy truth in its morbid condition.

Yet, with all these defects, we are inclined to believe that "revivals" have their uses. It cannot be said of this age that it has too much religious belief. On the contrary, it is an age of skepticism and indifference. The trouble with the majority of people is that they care nothing about the unseen realities. Science is gradually sapping faith, especially among the "professors" on one hand, and the thoughtless and uneducated on the other. Materialism is eating away earnestness. The interests of the day are so absorbing that most persons do not trouble themselves with what is intangible and invisible. They may even go through with religious forms and ceremonies, but it is with scarcely more sense of their real meaning than had Cicero's augurs of the rites of Roman worship. It is not so much unbelief—with the masses—as indifference, which kills religion. Now, the veriest skeptic who still believes in the eternal principles of morality, must rejoice at anything which can arouse the cold and dull sense of this age to "things not seen and eternal." Whatever touches the religious sentiment and conscience touches the whole moral nature of the man. Religion, if it have the faintest semblance of its appropriate and natural power, must make men better parents and more faithful children, truer in all relations of the family, more honest as business men and public spirited as citizens. Men are moved to realize all other grand sentiments and principles by great waves of sympathy. Our public meetings and orations and addresses at the beginning of the war were efforts at a "revival" of patriotism. Temperance has at times been equally impressed on a whole community by such excited efforts. Many men are exceedingly torpid and almost dead to truths which do not affect their everyday interests. Even the extravagances of a revivalist may be useful in arousing them.

Moreover, the refined and fastidious classes are too apt to judge of the masses of men by their own feelings. The truth is, the great majority of mankind are neither refined nor fastidious. But they have a dumb sense of their great wants, and they hear gladly anything which will arouse them from torpor and indifference. Mr. Moody's theological extravagances, Mr. Varley's sentimental appeals, or Mr. Beecher's epigrams do not offend them. They care little about manner, if the truth reaches them. The reformers of the world have never been nice and fastidious scholars and elegant orators. They have been rough men often, using plain words and making extravagant statements. The cultured Roman scholars of the time of Nero must have regarded the diction and manners of Peter and Paul much as many of us regard Moody, Varley, or Beecher. History holds manners as of small account. The only thing which will be hereafter considered will be: How much truth did these men inculcate, and what moral effects did they leave behind? For a permanent influence, the action of these revivalists would be very much to be deprecated. It is too sensational, garish, and stimulating. It appeals too little to reason. But as a temporary tonic to a public mind made torpid and inactive through long devotion to material interests, it may be useful. Anything is likely to be useful which summons man from the worship of dollars and cents to the consideration of the vast questions which affect his future state.

SIDEWALKS AND GUTTERS.

Notwithstanding the milder weather which has come so benignly upon us with Easter, the question of the care of the streets is one in which every householder and every foot-passenger in the City has a lively interest. Indeed, the thaw makes the condition of the sidewalks and gutters even more important than it was before; for, with a temperature below the freezing point, although we may be put to inconvenience, we are at least secured against inundation from overflow and against being obliged to wade across the streets through spreading pools of semi-fluid mud. In freezing weather we are not exposed to those showers of filthy street-mush which now make the approach of any vehicle dreaded by the pedestrian. This condition of things is likely to continue in many parts of the City for some time. For, although Broadway, and some of the avenues and broader streets where the sun lies for much of the day, are tolerably clean and free from ice, many of the narrower streets down town, and of the cross streets up town, are covered with a layer which ranges from nine inches to two feet and more in thickness; and this has all to thaw slowly away in the alternating warmth and chill of our capricious Spring. In many of these streets in which the ice has been cut out of the gutters, the water is running through a little channel about six inches wide, with a wall of frozen snow between twelve and eighteen inches high on the further side of it.

The remedy lies in the simple enforcement of the law upon the subject—the law in such case made and provided; phraseology which has notable pertinence to the case in question. For the law is with remarkable knowledge and care adapted to the end in view. The paramount law upon all questions connected with the streets is the Sanitary Code of the Board of Health. That law declares that no "portion of any street or sidewalk or public place" shall be encroached upon for the "sale of any fish, meat, birds, fowl, fruit, or vegetables." It also declares that no person shall "allow any water or other liquid to run from or out of his building or ground upon or across any sidewalk or curbstone," and also that no "accumulation of such water or liquid or the ice therefrom" shall be allowed, but that it shall be removed or made to "pass along the gutter or some proper passage to one of the rivers or into a sewer." As to the requirement of the law in regard to snow-falls—that the snow must be removed within two hours, if it is more than an inch deep—we are all supposed to be well informed; but it is not superfluous to remark that the provisions of this section apply no less to "the forming of any ice on the sidewalk or *in the gutter*," in which case the ice must be removed "within two hours." Every person who neglects to comply with the requirements of this law is liable to arrest and to fine.

Imagine that law enforced! What a change in the aspect of our streets. Imagine its penalties inflicted! How large a proportion of the citizens of New-York would be arrested before this evening. An enforcement of the provision as to ice in the gutters would do away with nearly all our present annoyance. But it is plain that if all the householders in a row of houses clean their sidewalks and gutters, and one who is below them on the incline neglects to clear his, all that will be accomplished will be a mere set back of water on the first thaw which in a few hours may be frozen solid to the bottom of the street. This may be seen in hundreds of places in the City at the present time.

Simple as are the requirements of this sufficient law, it does not seem to be understood by all the members of the very Police force itself. A case has been brought to our attention in which a householder, having been warned by one policeman to clear his gutter of ice, was, on application to a Sergeant to have his neighbor below him on the incline made to clear his gutter, without which all other clearance was useless, informed that householders could be compelled to clear their sidewalks only, and that the care of the gutters, and all between the curbs, was the duty of the City. Let our readers remember that this is not the case. We have given them the law. And yet, to what good end is there such a law? For we have learned that it is quite useless to lodge complaints of obstruction and neglect of the streets of any kind. They are never followed up. At present there are more than twenty thousand such complaints in the office of the Corporation Attorney. Think of it—more than twenty thousand citizens of New-York who ought to be arrested to-day for violation of a law which is made to secure the health, safety, and comfort of their fellow-citizens, but who will go at large to do just as they please, as they have done heretofore! It is urged that because the offenders are so many, it is quite hopeless to enforce the law. This is ridiculous. Let two or three persistent and flagrant offenders be selected, arrested, fined, and this course followed up for a while, and we should soon have at least sidewalks unincumbered, clean, and not dangerous.

AN EASTER SUNDAY PROCESSION.

Fifth avenue, of a bright Sunday, gives us one of the pleasantest pictures of City life. The well-dressed, decorous, and orderly crowd is like an attractive panorama. The panorama yesterday had its attractiveness as well as its lesson. Easter Sunday, we believe, is recognized as the day on which the women don such Spring gear as may be fit for the Sabbath and the opening of Spring. Perhaps far, back in the history of millinery, there was some occult connection between that general resurrection of which we have promise and the reclothing of the frail body. Perhaps, as Easter flowers typify one sort of new life, the bright fabrics which replace the darker garments of Winter do represent another. At any rate, the new bonnets and other gay attire indicate that Spring has come. And a cold or stormy Easter Sunday is a sort of calamity. It nips many pleasant fancies in the bud.

Yesterday was a bright Easter Sunday; not altogether balmy, perhaps, but so far Spring-like that we were glad to forget in it the hail and sleet of the past week. The sunny side of the avenue was like a flower-bed all flushed with sudden bloom. The procession reached almost unbroken from Madison square to the Central Park. When the up-town movement was strongest the down-town stream was compressed into a thinner line, and flowed as steadily on in the midst of the rest as the Gulf Stream cleaves a path in the ocean. People scanned each other as they passed with gentle interest; those who were conscious of wearing good clothes looked at others' good clothes—let us hope—without envy, hatred, or uncharitableness. It was an American crowd, mannerly, good-natured, and not boisterous. One could not help seeing some traces of a hard Winter. As the gray patches of ice along the curbstone showed what rigors had been borne, the faces of men and women alike gave evidence to the acute observer that there had been sickness, hardship, and death in the ranks of the living. Nevertheless, here were new life and the confident expectation of a milder year before us. The Winter has been dark and cold, but here was a real resurrection. Nobody jostled his neighbor. Nobody was in mad haste to overtake the head of the procession. Everybody moved on leisurely, making way for those who came up against the current, falling to the rear when necessary, and making such progress as was possible when all the City seemed out of doors. The murmur of voices was subdued to the day; and, if some roysterer joined the procession with an ungentle word, he was rebuked by the placid temper of the throng. From the Hotel Brunswick to the Park, one might encounter half-a-dozen smokers in the decent crowd, poisoning the air and offending good manners with selfishness. But these few were ignorant rustics or foreigners who will learn better fashions if they stay long enough. The women were lovely; their attire was charming; and the men, being only men, behaved becomingly, and remembered that

"If eyes were made for seeing,
Then beauty is its own excuse for being."

We sometimes hear people—who know no better—scold about our national bad manners and unseemly public habits. But one of our City crowds, such a one as that we have just described, is a good example of what common sense and self-respect do to form the best manners. Every observer knows that the smokers on the streets are less frequent than formerly, and their disappearance is a sign of progress. The soberly-cheerful and decorous procession of Easter Sunday shows that our people like a little pageantry. It shows, too, that we can display good taste, beauty, and gentle behavior in the composition of a popular throng.

A HINT TO DEFAULTERS.

As a class, defaulters—the polite name for those who steal the money of their employers—have not hitherto been very successful in the means which they have used to prevent justice from reaching them. The Collector of Internal Revenue who was such a bitter enemy of ex-Judge Fullerton was probably more fortunate in this respect than most of his kind, and yet what is the paltry position of a clerk in a South American city to a man of his luxurious habits of life while a resident of this City? He cannot return to his native land, and in the knowledge of this fact lies his punishment. Hamilton, the Jersey City defaulter, thought he could find a safe refuge from pursuit in some Mexican Arcadia; but he had hardly crossed the Rio Grande before he discovered his mistake. The redoubtable Mayor of Matamoras very quickly tore away the veil of romance which obscured his vision, and left him bondless and moneyless to lament that he had not led a more honorable life. Worn out and disgusted with travel and with himself, he finally thought that even the proverbial Jersey justice was better for his case than the vagabond existence he was leading. Klennen, the Hoboken Bank defaulter, was another man who tried to cheat the law and forget his crime in excitement incident to foreign travel, but he too became disgusted, and ultimately decided to purge himself of his sin before old age should come upon him. There was also Clossman, a misguided man, who, perhaps, supposed that because "Tom" Fields and the Sweenys had found comfortable quarters in Canada, it would be the best place for him to go, and begin a new life with the moneys which he had embezzled from Messrs. Parsons & Brother.

Then there was that foolish youth, Van Velsor, who believed that he could settle down in the undisturbed enjoyment of a pastoral life among the "mountain queens" of Colorado with his share of the $33,000 stolen from the New-York Central Railroad Company. He is now on his way back to this City to be confronted with a copy of his own confession of the crime. More recently there has been a still more foolish defaulter at Boston, who, after having deceived his benefactors during a number of years, finally came to the conclusion that his only chance of escape lay in a bottle of poison. He had kept the books of the firm, and had made no end of false entries to prevent immediate detection. But in spite of his efforts to keep it off, the day of reckoning arrived at last. It arrived so suddenly that, in his hurry to reach a friendly drug store and make an end of himself, he had to borrow the porter's hat to avoid the remarks which would follow his appearance in the streets bareheaded. Like all the others, he, too, failed in his purpose.

It has been left to one George A. Lang to make the first real success in covering up what must now be called his "suspected irregularities." Lang had been a bookkeeper in the employ of Campbell, Lane & Co., of Newark, N. J. A member of this firm, being unable to understand certain of his peculiarities, gave him to understand that he intended to make a careful examination of his books. Thus forewarned, it appears that he determined to take the bull by the horns, or in other words to put it completely beyond the power of the suspicious partner to carry out his threat. He went about his work in the usual way after he had heard what was in store for him, and, having watched his opportunity, he secretly removed the books and had them reduced to ashes before the dawn of another day. Then he went to bed and slept peacefully. It has not been stated whether he put in an appearance in the counting-room of his employers on the following morning, but it is left to us to infer that he did not, inasmuch as it is stated that after the burning of the books he waxed indignant that a firm which he had served so faithfully should doubt his honesty. While he was engaged in denouncing his employers, the latter were procuring a warrant for his arrest. When finally taken into custody he was ready with his defense, which was none other than that the books he had destroyed were his private property, he having purchased the set with his own money. It might not be correct to say that Lang had formed his plans before he entered the employment of Campbell, Lane & Co.; but, whether he had or not, he has earned the right to be considered a most adroit person. If he can prove his ownership of the books, it may be difficult to convince a jury that he was not privileged to do as he pleased with them. Should it be decided that he was so privileged, then the only point left for consideration would be whether in destroying their contents, the latter being the property of his employers, he was guilty of a misdemeanor. In any event, Lang's plan will have to be regarded as a success, and as such it will commend itself to other book-keepers who may be unfortunate enough to be suspected of "irregularities."

RESUMPTION OF LABOR IN THE MINING DISTRICTS.

Schuylkill Haven, Penn., March 28.—All the car builders, examiners, &c., members of the Miners' and Laborers' Benevolent Association, who were suspended at and around this point, will resume work to-morrow morning for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. The company have moved 1,000 cars of coal through this point during the last two days, which is about the regular quantity for the number of collieries at work.

WASHINGTON.

GEOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE BLACK HILLS COUNTRY.

THE INDIANS SAID TO BE IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT EXPLORATION—THE GOLD CONTROVERSY TO BE DECIDED—THE PUBLISHERS AND THE TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION—THE SENATORIAL EXCURSION TO MEXICO.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

Washington, March 28.—The geologist appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to examine the Black Hills country will leave at once for the West. He will proceed to Cheyenne, and will there be provided with a military escort. The Indians are understood to be entirely willing to have this exploration made, and will aid rather than embarrass it. The purpose of the examination is two-fold. In the first place it is of the utmost importance that a trustworthy and authoritative statement of the existence or non-existence of gold in the Black Hills should be made to the country. Further than this, if negotiations are to be entered upon for the extinguishment of the Indian title it is necessary to know whether a large or small price ought to be paid. It is a fact overlooked or not generally known, that the Black Hills have been at least twice explored previous to last Summer, so that the unknown region was then scarcely larger than the State of Rhode Island, and that all this territory had been seen from adjacent peaks. Parties have made the entire circuit of that unexplored region, and all the reports except that of Custer are unfavorable to the existence of gold. It is pretty certain that whatever party penetrates the Black Hills country this Summer will fall into the hands of the military or the Sioux Indians, and the hour which Gen. Ord is said to have expressed, that the military may find the settlers first, is a merciful one, for in that case life at least will be left to the captives.

WITHDRAWAL OF SUPERINTENDENT M'CARTEE'S RESIGNATION.

Mr. George B. M'Cartee, Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has, at the earnest solicitation of Secretary Bristow, withdrawn his resignation, which he presented two weeks ago because of private interests demanding his attention. Until yesterday he had resisted all persuasion to change his purpose. There are not many officers of the Government who could not easily detach themselves from the public service, and there are few positions to which an appointment would be made with so much difficulty as to that which Mr. McCartee desired to abandon.

MOVEMENT FOR A REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF PRINTING.

The publishers of Washington have been discussing the feasibility of an effort to reduce the prices of printing fixed by the Typographical Union in this city. The price now paid for composition is sixty cents per thousand, or $6 per day for time work. In Baltimore the price is one-fourth less. It was first proposed to refuse to pay more than a certain rate of say fifty cents per thousand, and defy the Union. The co-operation of the Government office was sought. It is now proposed to enter into negotiations with the Union to secure an amicable arrangement for a reduced rate, which is still maintained at the war standard. If this negotiation fails to secure prices satisfactory to the employers, it will then be considered whether other measures shall be taken.

TOM SCOTT AND THE SENATORIAL TRIP TO MEXICO.

The Senatorial excursion to Mexico leaves here to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Among those going are Senators Cameron, Anthony, Patterson, Dennis, and Morton. Senators Ransom and Gordon intended to join the party, but have withdrawn. Tom Scott is here, and with Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Morton, and several other ladies, will go with the party. Whatever purpose, if any, there may be in the excursion beyond making it a mere pleasure trip has been well disguised, and has not been revealed to the guests. It has been suspected all along that the Texas Pacific scheme was to be in some way served, but how does not clearly appear. It seems incredible that Scott should leave his business to go to Mexico for nothing but pleasure.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

A report of a conversation between Secretary Bristow and Jay Gould, while the former was in New-York, is printed here. The truth is that they did not meet at all, and neither of them sought or had any interview with the other.

The disproportion of mortality among the colored population of the city to deaths among the whites has been so marked during the past year as to attract attention from the Board of Health, and the subject is receiving special attention and investigation.

The Supreme Court will have before it to-morrow one of the pending cases involving the constitutionality of the Enforcement acts. There are three cases pending, which will all follow the disposition made of one. The questions have more political importance than almost any that have been decided by the court since the validity of the Legal-tender acts were last adjudicated, and the arguments and opinion will attract considerable notice.

AMUSEMENTS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TO-NIGHT.

The season of English opera at the Academy of Music is to be commenced this evening, when "The Bohemian Girl" will be sung. At Steinway Hall, the New York Oratorio Society is to perform "Samson," for the benefit of Dr. Damrosch. At the Grand Opera House, the new spectacle called "Ahmed" will be produced, and another fresh spectacle, entitled "Around the World in Eighty Days," is promised at the Bowery Theatre. When we add that Mr. Barnum to-night reopens the Hippodrome for a brief season, and that Commissioner Meacham will deliver, at Robinson Hall, a lecture on the Modoc war, with illustrations by real Modocs, we shall have referred to all announcements in which a flavor of novelty is discernible.

OBITUARY.

MR. BARNET JOHNSON.

Ex-Judge Barnet Johnson, late Associate Justice of Kings County Court of Sessions, died on Saturday evening last, at Sweeny's Hotel. He was born in 1836, at Gravesend, Long Island, and eight years ago was chosen Justice of the Peace for that county. Subsequently, in 1868, he was elected on the Republican ticket, to the position of Associate Justice, an office which he occupied for six years. The deceased leaves a wife and many friends to mourn him. The funeral will take place to-morrow from his late residence.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER CHARGES.

The Hartford *Post* of Saturday says: "The friends of ex-Senator Patterson are preparing to invite the public to a new hearing in connection with the Credit Mobilier matter. It is said new evidence has been volunteered by officers of the Union Pacific Railroad which fully confirms Mr. Patterson's account of the matter, and completely exonerates him. Some day it will come out that Schuyler Colfax has been most unjustly treated in this matter. It is said the executors of Oakes Ames have discovered by his accounts that the money he claimed to have paid to Mr. Colfax and others was in fact used for his own purposes at the time he was hard-pressed by his financial embarrassments. The friends of Mr. Colfax ought to probe the matter to the bottom and vindicate his good name, if the facts are as we believe them to be."

CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

PRESENT ASPECT OF THE CAMPAIGN.

INFLUENCE OF THE SPRING THAW ON THE VOTE—"SHERIFF YEAR"—POLITICAL INDISCRETIONS—SENATOR EATON AND HIS SPEECHES—NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NEW-YORK DEMOCRACY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HARTFORD, Saturday, March 27, 1875.

Singular as it may seem to those who have given no thought to the matter, the weather has become an important factor in the political problem which will be solved in Connecticut on Monday week. Yesterday and to-day have been so warm that the snow has rapidly disappeared from the valleys and hillsides, leaving in its place a slushy soil, which is hourly becoming more porous as the frost oozes out of it. The Republicans look upon these indications of the near approach of the Spring thaw with something of dismay. Their chance of victory is in getting out every voter in the State, and if the mud is to be axle deep on election day, as they now fear, that chance is a slim one. In the country districts a majority of the voters must go a distance of two miles to reach the polls, and as nearly all the old and infirm are Republicans, it is feared the mud will cut down the party vote materially, for it is argued that men of this sort will not care to endure the discomforts, if not hardships, which would attend going to the polls under such circumstances. But the weather will also hurt the Democrats to some extent, and after all the croaking, it is quite possible that the mud will have the effect of cutting down the vote somewhat, but will not have the honor of deciding the contest.

This question of the weather brings to mind the fact, which is not generally known, that in all probability this is the last time that Connecticut will be afflicted with a Spring election. The act of Congress approved Feb. 2, 1872, fixes the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as the day when Representatives in Congress must be elected in all the States, and the existence of this law, which first takes effect next year, has brought reflection to the minds of the thrifty legislators of Connecticut. They found that every second year they must have a Fall election, whether they would or not, and they concluded that it would be a waste of time and money to have a Spring election under such circumstances. Therefore an amendment to the Constitution has been passed by two Legislatures, and is now pending before the people, by whom it will undoubtedly be adopted, providing that after this year all elections shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. The relief which this will be to the people of the State will be great, and the effect upon local and general politics will not be inconsiderable. During the half century and more when the State elections have occurred on the first Monday in April there have been very few years when the condition of the roads or the weather has not had some effect on the vote. It has almost invariably happened that the Spring thaw has set in a few days before, making the roads almost impassable, and in addition the day has very often been rainy. In the Fall these disadvantages are not encountered, for although the day may be stormy the ground at that season is never so thoroughly soaked, and traveling is not difficult. In every view of the case the Connecticut voter is to be congratulated on the fact that this year is the last time when he will be compelled to elect the State officers in the Spring.

But in coming to deal with the election now pending as a disagreeable fact, considering the present and threatened weather, there is not a great deal to be added to what has been said in previous letters. There is one thing, however, which has not yet been mentioned, which may have some effect upon the contest. In one respect there is a gleam of sense in the Connecticut system—and that is found in the fact that there is one officer who is not chosen every year. That is the Sheriff in each county who is elected for three years. This is "Sheriff year," as it is called when a Sheriff is to be elected in each one of the eight counties of the State. Without a full knowledge of the politics of Connecticut it might be supposed that a trifling circumstance like this could have no effect upon the general result, but the contrary is the case. Where parties are so evenly balanced every vote counts, and every one cast or withheld is of importance. The office of Sheriff is one of considerable emolument, and the candidates on both sides, with those who are or expect to be deputies, always exert themselves to the utmost extent to bring their friends to the polls. When they are once there, they always vote for the whole ticket, and therefore "Sheriff year," equally with the mud, is a factor in the problem which is waiting for solution.

Whether, however, the hot contests for Sheriff in the several counties will help or hurt the Republicans is a matter which must be left to conjecture. It is greatly to be regretted that the Republican canvass has not been in all respects judicious, owing to the kind of speeches in which most of the speakers have indulged. There has been altogether too much of the "raw heads" and outrage business. We had a double dose of it to-night in Allyn Hall, and of all places in Connecticut Hartford is the place where this kind of talk does the least good; but it does very little anywhere in the State. The people of Connecticut are an equable, reflective race. Their reason, not their passions, must be appealed to. They have little regard for the carpet-bagger simply because he is one and a Republican, and none whatever for a corruptionist because he is black. They do not believe, nor can they be convinced, that everything has been managed in the best possible manner in the South, and that all the blame for the present deplorable condition of affairs belongs to the Democrats, and for Republican speakers to tell them so is not serving the cause which they are advocating. There has been another indiscretion, and that has been the constant declaration by some of the speakers that Connecticut is opening the Presidential campaign of 1876. The Republicans do not like to be put in this position, for these declarations, taken in connection with their platform—which was not constructed with the highest wisdom—has enabled the Democrats to fling third term at them all over the State. Considering what has been said in those respects, and what is likely to be said between now and the close of the campaign, it is not altogether a matter for regret that the canvass is only to last one more week. It happens, fortunately, however, that the Democrats are also handicapped with weights of this kind. The "State Sovereignty" speech of Senator Eaton has disgusted his friends, and been a great help to his enemies. It is hardly too much to say that without the help of this singular effort of statesmanship the Republicans would have been out of the race long ago. The Republican press takes care to keep the secession doctrines of Eaton before the people, and to ask them what they think of the Democratic victory of last year which enabled that party to send such a man as Eaton to the Senate. If the Republican ticket should happen to be elected the credit will belong to W. W. Eaton, and it will not be the first time he has done his State a service of this kind. That the Republicans are using the Eaton club with considerable strength can be seen by glancing over the State papers. This extract from the Norwich *Bulletin* is a fair sample:

"It must be cheerful to those Republicans who stepped out of the party to rebuke it last Spring to hear the rotund voice of 'Bill' Eaton in the Senate Chamber, echoing the same speech which used so to delight the Bourbon Democracy on the stump. This blatant demagogue who disgraces Connecticut with his vulgar profanity at the Capitol, and who, from the seat of a decent and honorable representative of the Commonwealth, utters sentiments that bring the blush of shame to the face of every decent citizen, owes his election to those who stayed at home because they thought the party undeserving of support, or voted against it because they believed it deserved rebuke. We desire to inquire of them how they like the progress of reform from Buckingham to Eaton? and further, if the recent shameful spectacle of ignorance, profanity, demagogulism, and secession in the Senate Chamber inspires them with the desire to march again in the ranks of the 'reformers' this Spring?"

If Eaton could only be induced to take the stump and talk some more sovreignty, the Republicans could hardly fail to succeed. But all hope of this has been abandoned. He will either not speak at all, or only in Hartford on the Saturday night before the election, when it will be too late for him to do the Republicans any good. There is, moreover, reason to fear that he is engaged in doing them some harm in the meantime, for he went to New-York yesterday in company with Gov. Ingersoll, and it is presumed that he is in successful negotiation either with the Shorthairs or Swallowtails for whatever material aid may be deemed necessary to make their assurance of the State doubly sure.

Leaving speculations and coming down to hard-pan, there is nothing to be added to the general statements of the last letter. Next week will be a busy one on both sides, for there are many nominations, and especially for the Legislature, yet to be made. In the meantime, neither side is at heart satisfied as to how the contest is going to end, and there is an utter dearth of prophecy. As for betting, there is none at all. Everybody believes, however, that, on the State ticket, almost the last vote will be required to determine the result. Beyond this, nobody appears to be sure of anything.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

THE COOLIES IN CUBA—MISERIES OF THE INFANT EMPEROR OF CHINA—THE OSAKA CONFERENCE—RETURN OF ABSENT JAPANESE OFFICIALS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The steamer Vasco de Gama brings the following news:

CHINA.

HONG-KONG, Feb. 27, and SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.—The Viceroy of Canton's proposed foreign loan has been taken in hand by the Central Government and just negotiated at Shanghai with the Oriental Banking Corporation, which has advanced 2,000,000 taels. It is a private transaction and no bonds have been issued.

Many dead bodies of Chinese have been taken from the wreck of the Pacific Mail steam-ship Japan, all of which were kept under water by money fastened to their persons.

The report of the Chinese Commissioners sent to Cuba to examine into the condition of the coolies has been completed, and is strongly adverse to the system pursued by the Cuban authorities.

Work on the Foo Choo telegraph line continues suspended.

There have been continued rumors from Pekin pointing to public disturbances, but nothing authentic to show any likelihood of an interruption of the arrangement in regard to State affairs.

Prince Chun, father of the new Emperor, has resigned his position as commander of the Tartar garrison at Pekin. It has been found expedient to readmit Prince Kung to at least a part of the official power formerly held by him, his experience in foreign affairs being especially required at this time.

The infant Emperor is said to be extremely wretched in his new exaltation, which separates him from his companions and parents forever. Proclamations have already been issued as proceeding from him. It is announced that he will continue in mourning for three years.

JAPAN.

YOKOHAMA, March 8.—The Osaka conference has terminated, and the participants have returned to their usual places of residence. These meetings are understood to have been organized by the influence of Okubo Josimiti Satsuma, the Secretary of the Interior, recently distinguished for having conducted the negotiations on the subject of Formosa at Peking. Their purpose is solely to reconcile differences between leading public men, former officials and others, with the view to bringing back into the direct service of the country certain able men who had been temporarily estranged. Almost every leading member of the Government was present at some time during the gathering. Much curiosity exists among both the natives and foreigners and the British Minister went so far as to strenuously insist on a full and detailed explanation, which it was not possible to give. The result of the conference is a partial accomplishment of the desired end. Some of the important absentees have already returned to the capital, and a few of those lately out of office have been received personally by the Mikado, which fact points to their early resumption of duties. Changes in the heads of departments are doubtless impending, but to what extent the Osaka debates will produce Government reforms cannot be known. It is universally admitted that the administration needs strengthening.

The Mikado visited the Government Navy-yard at Yokosuka March 5 to witness the launch of the Seiki, the first man-of-war constructed on foreign principles. A general celebration was held in the vicinity. The Seiki is a gun-boat, 197 feet long, 30 feet beam, 16 feet depth of hold, and 840 tons displacement. She carries three Krupp guns, one a swivel of six inches calibre, and her engines are of 700 horse power.

A hospital college has been established at Osaka for the instruction of women, and after a certain period no female physician is to be allowed to practice who cannot show a certificate of attendance.

The English and French troops left Japan on 23 of March.

The annual exhibition at Kioto opened March 1.

A new silver coin, equivalent to the American trade dollar, is about to be issued from the Mint.

At the end of last year a plan was adopted for the construction of new harbor works, docks, &c., in Yokohama. The scheme was supported by the British Minister, and was on the point of being executed, when, at the last moment, investigation showed that the works proposed would result in no public benefit, but were a private speculation for the benefit of individual foreigners. The orders were countermanded, and the chief English agent in the project was dropped from the Japanese service.

JOHN MITCHEL.

THE SCRANTON PARADE ABANDONED—SENSIBLE ADVICE OF A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST.

SCRANTON, Penn., March 28.—An enthusiastic meeting of the Irishmen of Scranton and its vicinity was held here to-night, to consider the propriety of having a grand public demonstration on Sunday next, in honor of the memory of John Mitchel. Father Kelly opposed the idea of parading, and said the more substantial way to honor Mitchel's memory was to raise a fund for presentation to his widow. This sentiment prevailed, and the meeting accordingly abandoned the proposed parade, with a view to commemorating the dead patriot's memory by something more substantial than a passing pageant.

THE PROPOSED PHILADELPHIA PARADE ALSO ABANDONED.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—A meeting of the Executive Committee appointed to arrange for a funeral procession in honor of John Mitchel on Monday next, was held to-day. Dr. Carroll stated that he had called upon the Mayor and was kindly received. A resolution was adopted providing, that as the authorities were opposed to the parade on Sunday, it would be dispensed with, although it was believed that there was no law against it. It was resolved to hold a mass meeting on some weekday evening. A resolution was also adopted protesting against certain newspapers for expressions upon the memory of John Mitchel.

RENOUNCING ALLEGIANCE TO A MINERS' UNION.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., March 28.—Information has just reached here that all the employes of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company belonging to the Schuylkill Haven branch of the Miners' and Workingmen's Benevolent Association have renounced their allegiance to the order, and will resume work for the Railroad Company to-morrow. It now comes to the surface that the President of that order, a shoe-maker by trade, has also been a prominent official in the Order of Granges, which he has assumed with a view to assist the farmers in obtaining the best terms for produce, while his position as President of the Miner's and Working Men's Benevolent Association, would compel him to use every endeavor to obtain produce at the lowest possible price. The principles of the two offices thus directly conflict with each other.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

THE NATURE OF CHRIST A THEME OF WORLDLY INVESTIGATION.

MEN'S CONCLUSIONS REGARDING IT—WHETHER CHRIST IS DIVINE, AND WHETHER, BEING DIVINE, HE IS A PART OF THE GODHEAD?—THE REAL TEST MUST BE DETERMINED BY METHODS HE HIMSELF HAS POINTED OUT—THE CORRECT CONCEPTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAN FROM THE ANIMAL TO THE SPIRITUAL.

To say that it was a lovely morning yesterday is sufficient description to indicate the crowd that packed Plymouth Church. Assistant Pastor Halliday was the only familiar face that was missed from the throng. He is still too ill to permit him to leave his room. The display of flowers was not greater than usual, though possibly more varied. On each side of the platform was a large stand of exquisite exotics. In a low wooden octagonal box at the right was grouped a mass of gorgeous tropical plants, passion flowers, calla lilies, and roses, fringed by clematis vines. On the left, from a bed of smilax, ferns, and violets, rose a slender crystal vase, nearly four feet high, crowned by a huge bunch of orchids, Japanese lilies, and ferns. Mr. Beecher entered early, looking fresh and hearty after the unwonted rest of the two days since the trial, and prompt to the minute of 10:30 o'clock the opening anthem began. It was an exceedingly beautiful "Alleluia," written especially for a Christmas service, for a Hartford church, by Henry Wilson. The Plymouth quartet—Miss Lasar, soprano; Miss Dunphy, contralto; Mr. Camp, baritone, and Mr. Hill, tenor—surpassed themselves. The vast congregation listened with the closest attention. Mr. Beecher then offered a short invocation for the Divine blessing and read the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah. He then gave out the 130th hymn:

"Loud alleluias to the Lord!"

The singing concluded, Mr. Beecher prayed long and fervently that men may learn to rely not upon themselves, but to recognize the might and majesty and loveliness of God; that they may be drawn more and more into fellowship with each other, and the time may come speedily when there shall be no longer war, nor quarreling, nor justice untempered by mercy. He announced that a collection would be taken up in aid of the American Home Missionary Society, which, he said, was founded at the time when there was no religious corporation in America that dared to lift its voice for the liberty of 3,000,000 of fellow-beings then bound down in slavery. Its mission was to care for the outcasts of every nation and clime, but more especially to look after the education of the negroes. The idea of attempting to legislate 3,000,000 of stupid, blubbering, degraded, ignorant men into something was absurd. All the might of arms and armies would be vain to further such a nonsensical plan. Educate them first, develop their manhood, and then there would be a foundation laid upon which wise legislation, with God's help, would be able to build the race into incalculable usefulness. The result of Mr. Beecher's appeal appeared soon in the shape of twenty-three well-filled baskets and one hat of greenbacks. He also gave notice that Rev. Mr. Lyman, of the South Congregational Church, would conduct the evening service, when the singing would consist of "O Risen Soul," by Barnby, and "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," from Handel's Messiah, a soprano solo. The 256th hymn was then sung, beginning:

"Yes, the Redeemer rose,
And raised His conquering head."

Mr. Beecher then arose and took for his text: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not; neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you."—John, xiv., 15, 16, and 17. For a long period, said Mr. Beecher, the nature of Christ has been a theme of worldly investigation. Religious men have turned their conclusions in this respect, whether Christ is divine, and whether being divine, He is a part of the Godhead. This investigation is not over yet, but of late days it has assumed a form beyond the theorizing of former ages. The question now is not merely whether Christ's divinity is true, but if it is true, is it of be something that can be accepted by the scientific mind; if it can stand the test of reason. Is He God and at the same time a man of flesh, or is He only the greatest moral genius the world ever produced. While there is much historic truth that can be brought to bear upon such an investigation, the real test of Christ's divinity cannot be established by such methods as these. It must be determined by methods which He himself pointed out—by the love of which the passage I have read strikes the keynote. The Spirit of truth means perception; intuition. Christian love will develop as long as the genius of Christianity lives, and out of that condition shall spring a universal capacity of knowing. When a chemist tells you that such and such compounds have such and such effects, you test the truth of his statement by repeating the experiments. If, through certain combinations of lenses, a scientist says that he can discover spots upon the sun, or even ascertain the elements that compose it, it would be foolish to sit back amid our prejudices and exclaim all that is nonsense. You should put the lenses into their proper relations and see for yourselves. No such tests as these can be applied to the question whether Christ is the Saviour and God. Christ never laid much store upon historical arguments. He knew He was ordered about. He should have come in such an obscure condition. I never thought that He ought to have appeared in thunder and lightning. That is all very well, but He did not even have a secretary with him; not even a reporter. [Laughter.] He did not have a line written a word. He had never made any provision for a record. He never proclaimed himself a Jew for the purpose of gaining the sympathy of those who hated foreigners. He never said that He had received his education in the synagogues, although it was true, that He might secure the confidence of the orthodox. He didn't cry out patriotism, and that he was the working man's friend. The power of His miracles He held at a very low valuation. Miracles are but signs. We don't want miracles nowadays, because we have better signs in ourselves. "Except ye see signs, ye will not believe." What He wanted was that men should believe in Him. He placed faith at the highest value. His personal loveliness was the attraction that He held forth. He had no imperial pomp, no glittering array, no pretensions. Account if you can how this almost disembodied influence turned the world upside down. How absolutely inadequate external circumstances would have been for Christ's work! No man can make Christ except by conforming to His ideal. He didn't invent morality. There was morality before He came upon the earth. There was justice before His justice. Nor did He invent religion. He brought the correct conception for the development of man from the animal to the spiritual. Will love develop and elevate reason? In a narrow sense, no; in a broad sense, yes. What prevents the development of reason? It is pride, and envy, and the other animal qualities. The animal propensities are perpetually in the way of human reason. In the proportion in which we repress our underlying instincts, in that proportion our reason develops. In New-England, when the Winter is over and the snow melts away, the place where we chopped our supply of wood is covered with chips. [Here Mr. Beecher drew a beautiful picture of the opening of Spring.] Under the chips are the roots of grasses that want to be permitted to grow. By and by we get to work and rake up the chips, and underneath the yellow bits of grass appear. The sun shines upon them, and they thrive and grow into luxuriant sheaves. Whatever removes the obstacles to intelligence develops reason. This is self-government guided by common sense, and it is this that always works out a high and universal intellectual condition. Moral sense always develops centripedally. Historically considered, the early training of men was from their lower natures; but there is a higher moral sense than that. There is a moral sense that makes us insensible to our own burdens. Christ did not feel His own wrongs, but no woman's wail, no prisoner's cry fell unheeded upon His ears. Justice will never be fit for universal use until it is justice that springs out of love. It is not hating evil, but loving good, that makes men good, although we should all hate evil. It makes thieving no better that a hundred men commit it than if only one does so. Nations are not to be excused for quarreling more than individuals. Statesmen say that they are obliged to go to war at times, but one of these days, when they are educated to higher knowledge of Christ's love, there will be no need of these things. The mother whose love prompts her to try and wean her child from animalism does more good than all the writings of Chrysostom and the other fathers of the Church. The Romans thought the State of more importance than the individual, but I believe souls to be better than all things. I believe in justice, but in angelic justice—the justice of the heart rather than of the law. The world would be worse off than it is if the rudimentary notions of justice were obliterated; still there is a higher justice which should be striven for. Never till we attain that will we arrive at a correct moral sense.

So, too, with the æsthetic sense. The development of love increases the sense of the beautiful. The art instinct is dependent upon the higher sense of moral beauty. What does away with the flesh tends to develop the ideal, which is the mother of art. There is no nation in the world so Christian as America, you say, and yet none less artistic. New-England, the fountain of American Christianity, is notably so. This is true in one sense. There is no nation where the sense of art is so deficient, but there is none where the sense of the beautiful is so universal. There is aristocratic art and democratic art. It is not necessary that one should make pictures. The taste which a house wife displays in the arrangement of her abode is equally artistic. The old wagoner who on Washington's birthday ties a few bits of ribbons in his horse's ear-straps and thinks that it looks fine, may not be a Michael Angelo, but he has the rudiments of art in him. [Laughter.] This nation has developed æstheticism more than any other, because it has developed Christianity proportionately. Those men flourish best who are most willing to let the blessings of their advantages be shared by the mass. Everything in these times takes on the democratic form. More in our land than in any other springs into development the upper-mind education, which acts on the reason and the higher faculties.

Faith in Christ also tends to a reduction of all the causes of worriment, sin, sorrow, remorse, and all the evils of life. He who has the fullest personal sympathy with Christ is least likely to disturb the world with his groans. A man loses $800,000 in business and has only $50,000 left. He frets and worries, and passes sleepless nights because of his loss. He has enough to live on and to educate his children, and for all possible purposes, yet he permits himself to suffer on account of wounded ambition. I venture to say that there are a million men who would compromise for $25,000. [Laughter.] He goes to the temple and asks God to deliver him from care. What he wants is that God should give him back his $800,000. [Laughter.] Suppose people slander you, and hate you; just step here and let them think you are there. [Laughter.] That's all you have to do to render their shafts harmless. You are the soul; the reality is you. Nothing can touch you if you have faith in Jesus Christ.

Christ's love not only delivers men, but it develops their fortitude and makes the world a perpetual joy to them. I buy a million dollars' worth of United States bonds, and they are seen with me. I slip down to a safe deposit company and put them away. When I get home and go to bed I am awakened by the noise of burglars in the house. I know what they after, so I just lie there and enjoy myself listening to their fumbling about and thinking what a time they'll have getting those bonds. [Laughter.] Say to the devil, "When you get me you've got to go to God for me. There's where I live." [Laughter.] He won't go there. He'll let you alone first. [Laughter.] The love of Christ will lift you above every care and trouble of the world.

That enemy of mine, continued Mr. Beecher, pointing to the clock, says I have gone far enough; [laughter;] so I cannot use the development of the world as an illustration of the gradual development of Christ love; but on a day such as this, when the whole world is celebrating with special rejoicings the resurrection of the Saviour, may I not express a hope that the day will soon come when love shall be everything. Then God will rule, and we will all join in a grand jubilee of song which will wipe out of remembrance the most glorious canticles ever conceived by human brain.

A short prayer was said, in conclusion, for such a consummation, and was followed by the singing of the 1,267th hymn, and that by the final benediction.

MR. BEECHER TO TESTIFY THIS WEEK.

For several weeks past Mr. Beecher has been expected on the witness-stand to give his evidence, but the large number of witnesses called by the defense, and the length of time their examination has occupied, have exceeded the limits at first anticipated. Nothing definite is known as to the number of witnesses yet to be examined in Mr. Beecher's behalf, but it was stated yesterday, upon good authority, that it had been arranged by his counsel to commence taking his testimony in the course of the ensuing week. Since the commencement of the trial he has devoted considerable time to the preparation of his evidence, and during the past week it is understood that his counsel have given him instructions in relation to the form in which it is to be given. It is supposed that his examination will occupy fully three weeks, and counsel on both sides are now of the opinion that the case cannot be closed before the 1st of June.

This morning one of the members of the Investigating Committee of Plymouth Church will be on the witness-stand. Mr. Shearman stated last evening that the defense had now got nearly through with their witnesses, and that as soon as the members of the Investigating Committee shall be examined, Mr. Beecher will be called to give his evidence. The length of time which the testimony of the gentleman may occupy will depend upon the extent of the cross-examination by plaintiff's counsel. The direct examination will be brief.

It is stated that Mr. Tilton's counsel will produce evidence to prove that the testimony of Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Higgins, who were examined last week, and stated that they had seen Tilton walking between Mrs. Woodhull and Miss Claflin in the procession in honor of Rossel, is wholly untrue. Mr. Tilton was in the procession on the occasion referred to, but was in the company of Mr. John Swinton all the time. The person who walked with Mrs. Woodhull and Miss Claflin was Gen. Ryan, who was shot in Cuba, and his resemblance to Mr. Tilton, it is said, led the witnesses to mistake one for the other. The testimony of the colored witnesses, it is also understood, will be proved to be entirely incorrect. They also fell into the same mistake as Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Perkins. It was Gen. Ryan who was found in Mrs. Woodhull's residence under the circumstances stated by Woodley, the colored witness, and not Mr. Tilton.

CUBA.

VALMASEDA'S PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CINCO VILLAS DISTRICT—ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INSURGENTS.

HAVANA, March 28.—The *Diariode la Marina* publishes a proclamation by the Captain General, addressed to the people of the Cinco Villas District. Valmaseda says:

"The insurrection is of the same character now as in the beginning—a fight between civilization and barbarism. The insurgents in less than two months have completely destroyed forty plantations and burned several ranchos and settlements. They rob you, destroy your houses, and leave your families homeless. Society is threatened, and it is the duty of all to save it, some with their wealth, others by advising the troops of the whereabouts of the enemy, or by furnishing such aid as they can to the Government. Even the ladies can help with bandages and lint for the wounded. Let all unite in one supreme effort to end the evil which threatens all, and society will soon see its troubles diminish and rebellion will again retreat to its rugged mountains where pursuit and danger will soon finish it. Rebels who repent can still obtain pardon. Those who remain obstinate in their criminal career will be surprised by death sooner or later. Loyal men and rebels have had opportunities heretofore to know my system of command in Cuba. Its purpose ever was to protect the good and unfailingly pursue the bad. This policy will be continued so long as I govern this island in the name of the King."

An official report states that the insurgents appeared at Los Lajas on Wednesday last. They were immediately pursued by five Spanish columns and compelled to retreat to the Cardinal Rodriguez plantation, where several were killed. On Thursday they were again encountered at the Delgador rancho, and lost five killed. The damage done by this raid was limited to three or four plantations, where no resistance was offered.

The holidays have been observed as usual in Havana, and passed off quietly.

THE LATE EDGAR QUINET.

The cable news from Paris this morning announces the death of M. Edgar Quinet, the French author and member of the present Assembly. He was born at Bourg, in the Department of Ain, in 1803, and, after the usual course in France, studied at Heidelberg. In 1823 he published his *Tablettes du Juif Errant*, and in 1827 a translation of Herder's *Ideas on the Philosophy of History*. In 1828 he was sent to the Morea as a member of a Government commission, and there collated materials for his *Modern Greece in Relation to Ancient Greece*, which he published in 1830. He contributed valuable articles on historical and philosophical subjects to the *Revue des Deux Mondes*. In 1829 he was appointed Professor of Foreign Literature to the Faculty of Letters in Lyons, and in 1842 was made Professor of the Languages and Literature of Southern Europe, a newly-created chair in the College of France. Thenceforward he displayed Liberal tendencies, and wrote among other works, "Le Génie des Religious," and, in company with Michelet, "Les Jésuites." His extreme opinions becoming unpalatable to Louis Phillippe, he was removed from his chair in the College of France in 1846, and went on a journey through Spain. He was elected a Deputy in 1848, took an active part in the Reform agitation, and fought in the barriers in 1848. He was elected to the Legislature, where he resisted the reactionist toward monarchy, and this, with the liberalism in his writings on the questions of the day led to his expulsion from France in 1852. He withdrew to Brussels, where he married a daughter of the Moldavian poet, Assaki. He remained abroad during the existence of the Empire, and on its collapse in 1870 returned, and was reinstated in his former Professorship in the College of France. More recently he was elected to the Provisional Assembly, and sat with the Left.

A BAD STREET.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

New street, between Wall and Exchange place, (a thoroughfare the carriage-way of which is more used by pedestrians than any other down town,) is in a most disgraceful condition. Commissioner Disbecker was appealed to some ten days since, and promised relief. The promise remains; the action is still to come. Perhaps a few printed lines may have some effect. C. A. M.

STOCK EXCHANGE, Saturday, March 27.

NEGRO SHOOTING AFFRAY.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 28.—Tony Dixon, an old negro gardener, was shot and fatally wounded at his place near Chelsea, yesterday, by a negro boy named Nathan Hackett, whom he had discharged from his employ. Charles Spradlen, a colored preacher, being present, and attempting to prevent Hackett shooting Dixon a second time, was shot over the right eye by the young desperado, from the effects of which he will probably die. A crowd of negroes soon collected, and finding Hackett reloading his pistol, one of them discharged a shot-gun at him, wounding him severely in the right arm and breast. They then bound him and brought him in a wagon to this city, where he was delivered up to the authorities.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

ATTEMPT TO ROB THE LONG ISLAND SAVINGS BANK.

TWO BURGLARS BUY OUT A SALOON AND BREAK THROUGH TWO PARTITIONS TO GET AT THE BANK VAULTS—THEY TRY TO BLOW OPEN THE SAFE—A MISSING HAT LEADS TO THE DISCOVERY OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

A very bold attempt was made yesterday to rob the Long Island Savings Bank, No. 47 Fulton street, Brooklyn. About two weeks ago Mr. H. S. Powell, who kept a liquor store at No. 43 on the same street, sold his place to two men who said they were from the West. Last evening Mr. Powell saw one of the men standing in front of the sal on, and asked him to give him a hat he had left in the store when he went away. The man seemed to be confused at the request, and made several excuses, and asked Mr. Powell to wait until to-day, saying it was Sunday, and he did not want to open the door. Mr. Powell objected to the delay, and said that, as he was on the spot, he wanted to take his hat at once, and not have to return for it. The man finally gave way and handed Mr. Powell the keys and told him to go in and get the hat himself if he wanted it. Mr. Powell went into the saloon without noticing that the man had left almost immediately after turning over the keys. Upon going inside he was surprised to see that the floor in the rear of the saloon had been torn up, and becoming alarmed, went out and called a friend, who was waiting for him on the sidewalk, to accompany him. The two then went in, and discovered that a large opening leading into the cellar had been made in the floor. Descending, he found that a large hole had been made in the partition wall of the adjoining house, No. 45, and from that house an entrance had been effected into the basement of the bank, No. 47. Pursuing their investigations still further, they found that the floor of the bank had been cut through and the safe reached. The doors of the safe gave evidences of having been worked at for some time, as they were very much chipped and battered. A large assortment of the most approved kind of burglars' tools were found scattered about the premises. Among them were a number of heavy "jimmys," sledge hammers, cold chisels, drills, files, and other articles. Five flasks of gunpowder, twenty packs of fire-crackers, and a number of tin funnels and tubes, a piece of India rubber hose about twenty-five feet long, a ball of twine, and a cigar, were also left by the burglars. Mr. Powell and his friend at once informed the Police of the discovery they had made, and steps were immediately taken to secure the apprehension of the thieves. Meantime, one of the clerks of the bank went, as is his custom every Sunday evening, to see that all was safe at the bank. Upon unlocking the door he was surprised to find that he could not push it open, and he in turn informed the Police. This gentleman said that the janitor of the bank has been in the habit of going out of town every Sunday, and that it has been his duty to go there twice a day to see that all was secure. From the presence of the gag found among the things left by the burglars, it is supposed they were well acquainted with the way in which the bank was guarded on Sundays, and that it was their intention to bind and gag the clerk as soon as he should come in. It is supposed, however, that finding their efforts to break into the safe to be futile, the robbers abandoned their attempt shortly before Mr. Powell met the one whom he asked to get him his hat, and who gave him the keys of the place. The names of the burglars are known to the Police, and it is thought they will soon be captured.

RETURN OF A FUGITIVE.

ARRIVAL OF VAN VELSOR, THE ABSCONDING CLERK—HOW JUSTICE IS ADMINISTERED IN COLORADO.

Officer Shelly, of the Nineteenth Subprecinct, arrived at the Grand Central Depot at an early hour Saturday morning, having in custody George Van Velsor, the clerk who, in May last, stole $32,000 in greenbacks from the office of the Treasurer of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and who was arrested by the Sheriff of Denver City, Colorado, about two weeks ago. A history of the crime and the details of Van Velsor's arrest were published in THE TIMES of Friday. On arriving at the depot Van Velsor was met by his mother and sister and the meeting was a touching affair. The prisoner was subsequently brought to Police Head-quarters, and on being arraigned before Superintendent Walling, seemed to feel his disgraceful position most keenly. After remaining a short time at the Central Office, Van Velsor was taken to the office of the District Attorney, and from thence committed to the Tombs to await trial. No tidings of Baxter, Van Velsor's companion, have been obtained.

Van Velsor gives a graphic account of the adventures of himself and his companion, Isaac Baxter, after leaving New-York. On reaching Maryland they buried $28,000 in old newspapers, and their clothing, donned second-hand suits purchased in New-York, and traveled to Indianapolis, Quincy, Ill., Kansas City, and Southern Kansas, where they purchased a ranch for $500 and went farming. After settling down for the winter they returned to Maryland on the 8th of July and dug up the buried treasure, $2,000 of which, having been injured by the damp, they burned. After five months' illness Van Velsor divided the spoils with Baxter and the latter disappeared. Van Velsor in the middle of February left his ranch and went to Denver, Col., where he led a fast life under the name of Frank Reed, spent large sums of money, and was betrayed to a New-York Deputy Sheriff by a saloon-keeper named Scharf, after the latter had failed to extort any more money from him. He was then arrested by Sheriff Willoughby on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, and that officer telegraphed the fact to New-York. The Sheriff took possession of $1,660 in gold, and a gold watch and chain and a revolver, found on Van Velsor's person, and $7,000 in greenbacks found on his trunk. Van Velsor states that the Sheriff offered to "fix" the affair and let him off before the arrival of the New-York officers, but that he refused to accept the offer, having all along expressed his willingness to surrender to the officers of the law and bear the punishment of his crime. He also left by the train in charge of the prisoner with a paper singing over $5,000 to him, and subsequently a lawyer who offered to get him out for $1,000, both of which offers he refused. Sheriff Willoughby subsequently offered him $3,000 if he would quit Colorado, leaving the remainder of the money in his hands. This offer he also refused, and was then allowed every opportunity to escape from the Sheriff's house, where he had been removed from the jail, but declined to do so. Finally, he says, he was handed over to the New-York detectives, Shelly and Scanlan, who demanded his property from the Sheriff. That official did surrender the jewelry and clothing, but refused to give up the money, saying that Vanderbilt was rich and could bear the loss. Steps will immediately be taken to compel the Colorado Sheriff to disgorge his stealings.

THE APPROACH OF SUMMER.

THE FIRST ACTUAL SPRING DAY OF THE SEASON—BRIGHT WITH SUNSHINE AND WITH PROMISE — THE STREETS AND PARKS ALIVE WITH PLEASURE SEEKERS.

"An April burst of beauty, and a May like the Mays of old," is not an inapt description of approaching Summer-tide. The line is written by a poetess whose reputation is hardly as wide as her ability is sterling; but at all events, it is the beginning of a very pretty description of climatic changes and abundant weather uncertainties. All these things we have in New-York beyond our desires, but there is just a probability that this little text may receive some tangible illustration in a short time. It is true that we are still two days removed from April, and that this month commonly associated with balmy airs, warm rains, and pleasant Spring verdure may come in keenly and unseasonably. Our fields are not always "florid with unfading prime" after the fashion of Elysium, and the mutations in the weather chronicles astonish us not in the least. Yesterday, however, we had a genuine day of Spring, and if in the just and equitable distribution of favors and ill-fortune, a bitter and unusually prolonged Winter should be succeeded by agreeable and genial weather, it is not unreasonable to suppose that we have come round to better times. Yesterday was the first actual Spring day which we have had this season, and it was bright with sunshine and with promise. Still, it was only the mere invocation of the bright days which we look forward to. The sunshine, pleasant as it was, had only the mere suggestion of its Summer warmth, but it was, at all events, the welcome herald of the May freshness and the June gladness which are yet to come. It melted the snow in the public parks and exposed once more to view the shriveled and blackened grass which by and by is to blend into the brightest green. In Central Park the effect was noticeable. The trees stood out gaunt and naked in the landscape, and the sward was discolored, but a new sensation of life seemed to pulsate through the place. The fountains are of course still idle, and it will be some time before the oars of the now unused boats will ruffle the surface of the lake, or disturb any of its "hazy hiles." The visitor who would take in the various aspects of the Park in miniature through the medium of the camera-obscura would find it very different from what it is in the full flush of Summer. No masses of foliage would obscure and shadow the life which moves through it, and, as pictured on the tablet of that ingenious scientific contrivance, it would probably be altogether more interesting. In the Summer, when the trees are thick with leaves, half the life that moves through the Park is concealed, and the camera-obscura loses much of its charms, such as showing men and women of a couple of inches in stature important with concerns far beyond their altitude, and horses of the size of mice careering along roads in little chariots which have reached the dimensions of a walnut shell. The camera-obscura would have shown these things yesterday, for all the drives and avenues of the Park were filled with people intent on enjoying the first Spring day of the season. Indeed, all over the City there were the indications of renewed activity and pleasure-seeking. The ferry-boats no longer impeded by ice, made their usual trips to Staten Island and elsewhere, and the rivers were quite free for navigation. The broken ice which comes and goes with the tidal water, grows less and less, and the probabilities are that with a few more genial days of Spring, it will have altogether disappeared. Meanwhile as an unusually severe Winter takes its tardy leave as though loath to part, trade revives, and goes hand in hand with the promise of the season. The hotels are at present filled with visitors from the country districts bent on Spring purchases, and with returning suggestions of more pleasant days, a new energ

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange, on Saturday, March 27, under a Supreme Court foreclosure order, Hugh L. Cole, Esq., Referee, D. M. Seaman sold a three-story and basement brick house with lot, 20 by 96, on West Twenty-seventh street, north side, 163.2 feet west of Seventh avenue, for $8,500, to Francis Blessing. The sale by E. A. Lawrence & Co., of property on Fourth avenue, south-west corner of Forty-second street, was adjourned to April 8.

LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Notwithstanding the choice lots of real estate offered during the past week, from the different auction stands, and a large attendance each day at the Exchange, the sales effected have been few in number and of no special importance, the most valuable property being withdrawn from the market for the want of adequate bids. Investors have stood calmly by and seen improved real estate offered at upset figures, far below cost, and have yet declined to bid, thus effectually putting a damper upon business, and preventing any activity that might ensue upon competition. It is a question how long this period of dullness and inactivity is to continue. It does not arise from any want of confidence in the present or future value of New-York realty, but more from the fact that owing to the suspension of the public improvements on the part of the civil authorities, speculation in property has been for the time being checked. In the contemplated improvements, many of which have already been paid for in assessments, be carried through, and a scheme for rapid transit honestly inaugurated, then real estate will once more be sought for as the safest investment, and we shall again see an active prosperous market.

The total value of city property sold at the Exchange for the week ending with Saturday, March 27, amounts to $354,935 as against $372,935 the figures for the previous week.

V. K. Stevenson, Jr., No. 11 Pine street, reports having sold at private contract for J. B. Lockwood the house, 25 by 65, with lot 100 feet deep, No. 3 West Fifty-sixth street, for $60,000, cash; also reports the sale of the house, 25 by 80, with lot 100 feet deep, No. 41 West Forty-sixth street, for $65,000.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

For the present week at the Exchange, the following sales are announced by the auctioneers respectively named:

To-day, (Monday,) March 29.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Joseph Meeks, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 25.9 by 98.9, on the north side of Thirty-first street, north side, between Franklin square and Gotham Court. Also, similar sale, same referee, of the house, with lot 24.8 by 95.9 by 25.1 by 95.6, No. 62 Charles street, 74.11 feet west of Fourth street. Also, similar sale, George S. Wilkes, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 25 by 100.4, (rear irregular, on East Fifty-eighth street, north side, 75 feet west of First avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Joseph Meeks, Esq., Referee, of two houses, with lots together in size 50.6 by 102.2, on East Eighty-third street, south side, 102.3 feet west of Third avenue; also, one house, with lot 16.1 by 102.2 by 50.2 by 6 by 52 by 15.7, on East Eighty-third street, south side, 149.9 feet west of Third avenue, adjoining above, and one house with lot 15.6 by 62.2, on Lexington avenue, east side, 64.2 feet north of Eighty-third street.

By V. K. Stevenson, Jr., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John E. Ward, Esq., Referee, of one house and lot, 25 by 69.8, on Delancey street, north side, 50.3 feet west of Norfolk street.

By Samuel A. Steele, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, W. A. Boyd, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 26 by 75, with improvements, on Madison avenue, north-west corner of Fifty-sixth street.

Tuesday, March 30.

By A. H. Muller & Son, executor's sale, to close estate of Henry R. Remsen, deceased, of the following valuable City real estate: One plot of land, 50.8 by 71 by 51.8 by 72, known as Nos. 11, 13, and 15 East Broadway, and Nos. 14, 16, and 18 Catharine street, located on the south-west corner of the streets named. (On the property is a three-story brick building, known as the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and a three-story brick house with store fronting on Catharine street. The buildings are not sold with the plot, the plot being leased to May 1, 1875, at a ground rent of $1,300 per annum. The buildings can then be bought on arbitration or the ground released.) One two-story and attic brick house, with lot 20.8 by 56.9, No. 588 Water street, north side, 92.10 feet west of Montgomery street; one three-story brick house, with lot 20.7 by 56.10, No. 584 Water street, next lot but one adjoining above; one three-story and basement brick house, with lot 25 by 100, No. 67 Monroe street, north side, 186 feet west of Pike street; one two-story and basement brick-front house, with lot 18.7 by 100.5, (rear irregular,) No. 86 Monroe street, south side, 94.1 feet east of Pike street; two two-story and attic brick houses, with lots each 25 by 84.7, Nos. 24 and 26 Rutgers street, west side, 50 feet south of Henry street; one two-story and attic brick house, with lot 27.4 by 99.11, No. 126 Henry street, south side, 253.5 feet west of Rutgers street; one lot, 20 by 102, known as No. 104 Cherry street and Nos. 77, 75, 73, and 71 Market street, north-west corner of streets named, leased to May 1, 1878, at the rate of $650 per annum, (buildings not sold with lot,) and premises No. 37, East Twelfth street, north side, 293.8 feet west of Broadway, with lot 23 by 92.9 by 22.9 by 29.1 by 84.7, with a four-story English-basement brick house upon the front thereof, and a two-story brick stable in rear. Also public auction sale of the three-story and basement brick house, 20 by 40, with lot 61 feet deep, No. 26 Third street, south side, 84 feet west of Second avenue. Also, Superior Court foreclosure sale, J. S. Bosworth, Esq., Referee, of the two-story brick house, with lot 20 by 49.4, No. 24 East Twenty-fourth street, south side, 80 feet west of Fourth avenue. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas Boese, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 20.1 by 75, on Second avenue, west side, 80.4 feet south of Forty-third street.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., public auction sale of the four-story English-basement brown-stone-front house, No. 15 by 60, with lot 20.11 feet deep, No. 54 West Ninth street, south side, 185.11 feet east of Sixth avenue. Also, similar sale of the three-story and basement brick house, 20.10 by 46, with lot 100.5 feet deep, No. 232 East Fiftieth street, south side, east of Third avenue. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, P. J. Scanlon, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by 90, on Fourth avenue, north-east corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street.

By A. J. Bleecker & Son, public auction sale of the three-story and basement brick house, with lot 20.9 by 86.9, No. 265 West Twenty-second street, north side, 225 feet east of Eighth avenue. Also, Executor's sale, to close estate of Mrs. Anna M. Smith, deceased, of a desirable country residence, located at Bayonne, Bergen Point, N. J., and situated on Bull's Hill, so-called, embracing a large plot of ground lying on both sides of First street, east of Avenue V, with a three-story villa house, 36 by 38, (extension 18 by 20,) thereon. Plot on First street, north side, 62 by 250 by 61 by 272. Plot on First street, south side, 50 by about 37.

By Richard V. Harnett, public auction sale to close an estate, of the three-story and basement frame house, with lot 28 by 92, No. 127 East Sixteenth street, north side, 166.4 feet east of Irving place. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of two lots on West One Hundred and Fifty-second street, north side, and two full lots in rear on West One Hundred and Fifty-third street, south side, 100 feet west of Tenth avenue.

By Orville G. Bennett, partition sale to close a partnership interest, of desirable improved property, as follows: Two four-story and basement brick and brown-stone-front houses, each 20 by 55, with lots 100 feet deep, Nos. 318 and 320 West Forty-eighth street, south side, west of Eighth avenue; one three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 19.4 by 50, with lot 98 feet deep, No. 470 West Thirty-fourth street, south side, east of Tenth avenue; one three-story and basement brown-stone front house, 18 by 45, with lot 100 feet deep, No. 66 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, north side, east of Madison avenue, and one similar house and lot, No. 237 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, south side, east of Third avenue.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. F. Farrell, Esq., Referee, of one plot, 46.8 by 98.9, with improvements, on East Twenty-ninth street, south side, 90 feet east of Third avenue.

Wednesday, March 31.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas H. Langdon, Esq., Referee, of one four-story, Mansard roof, iron-front building, with plot 51 by 98.9, on East Thirty-fourth street, 180 feet east of Third avenue, known as "Glass Hall."

By Peter F. Meyer, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of one five-story and basement brick double tenement-house, with lot 25 by 98.9, on West Fortieth street, south side, 375 feet east of Tenth avenue.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Edward S. Willets, Esq., Referee, of the brick store, with lot 23.7 by 101, No. 228 Pearl street, east side, about sixty feet north of Fletcher street.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 17.8 by 98.9, on East Thirty-ninth street, 225.5 feet west of Third avenue. Also, similar sale, A. H. Wallace, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 18.9 by 99.11, with improvements, on East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, south side, 215 feet east of Fourth avenue.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William J. Marvin, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick-front and frame-house, with lot 25 by 100, No. 107 Mott street, west side, 150 feet south of Hester street. Also, public auction sale, by order of the Department of Docks, of a three years' lease, twenty-seven piers and bulkheads, located on the East River, and thirty-two piers and bulkheads situated on the North River. This is a very important auction, and one that should attract the attention of those engaged or interested in shipping matters. Bills containing lists of piers, &c., to be sold, can be obtained at the department, or at the auctioneer's office, No. 4 Pine street.

Thursday, April 1.

By Benjamin P. Fairchild, Executor's sale of one two-story and basement frame-house, 50 by 25, with four full lots on the Grand Boulevard, south-east corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, and two lots, together, forming a plot in size 35.1 by 44.3, by 50 by 66, on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south side, at its junction with Manhattan street, between the Grand Boulevard and Tenth avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 21 by 100.5, on East Fifty-third street, south side, 133 feet east of Lexington avenue.

Friday, April 2.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., public auction sale, to close joint interest of the following choice property: One four-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 20 by 66, with lot 96.9 feet deep, No. 18 East Fortieth street, south side, between Fifth and Madison avenues; four lots, each 25.2 by 100, on Fifth avenue, north-east corner of Ninety-second street; four lots, together forming a plot in size 99.11 by 100, on Fifth avenue, south-west corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street; and one lot, 20 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, south side, 100 feet west of Fifth avenue, in rear of above. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, of a plot of six lots, together in size 75 by 199.10, on West One Hundred and Fifty-first street, north side, extending through to One Hundred and Fifty-second street, 100 feet west of Tenth avenue, with a large brick dwelling house 50 feet square, and a stable thereon.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, W. L. Livingston, Esq., Referee, of one three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 16.8 by 58, on Prospect place, east side, 17.1 feet north of Forty-second street. Also similar sale, W. S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of three lots, together in size 52.5 by 17.2 by 20 by 34.6 by 72.5 by 51.8, with buildings, on Baxter street, west side, 46.4 feet south of Hester street.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George Waddington, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 25 by 80, on West Twenty-third street, south side, 25 feet west of Seventh avenue.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. F. Farrell, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 22 by 80, on Rivington street, north-east corner of Ludlow street.

By George H. Scott, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of the premises No. 23 Spring street, north side, 46.6 feet east of Mott street, comprising a lot 22.9 by 119.3 by 23.3 by 124, with a three-story and attic brick front house upon the front thereof and a five-story brick tenement-house in rear.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. R. Roosevelt, Esq., Referee, of one lot 24.9 by 100, with improvements, on Eleventh avenue, north-east corner of Thirty-ninth street; also, similar sale, O. H. Bogart, Esq., Referee, of one lot 23x 75.3, (rear line twenty-five feet,) on West Sixty-eighth street, north side, 99.9 feet west of Broadway.

Saturday, April 3.

By ——, auctioneer, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William A. Woolworth, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land 100 feet front, on the old Boston Road, west side, adjoining lot of John Balcom, deceased, Twenty-third Ward.

EXCHANGE SALES, SATURDAY, MARCH 27.

NEW-YORK.

By D. M. Seaman.

1 three-story and basement brick house and lot, West 27th st., n. s., 163.2 ft. w. of 7th av., lot 20x96.....$8,500

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Friday, March 26.

Gouverneur st., n. s., 300.8 ft. e. of Morris av., 50x116.11, Morrisania: J. F. W. Gauther to J. Reinig.....$3,350

26th st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of 2d av., 25x38.8: A. F. Kuchels, Referee, to Elizabeth Cushing... 13,900

42d st., s. s., 101 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x49.9, except village lot, s. s., 74.8 ft. e. of 41st st., 4x 21.8; W. Dillberger to Karoline, wife of L. Maier.....23,500

57th st., n. s., 135.9 ft. e. of 1st av., 16.8x100.5: Mary, wife of H. Blesson, to R. S. Treacy.....15,000

62d st., n. s., 77.6 ft. e. of 4th av., 17.6x65.2; W. Dieason to Almira E., wife of H. Dix.....17,000

123d st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 1st av., 25x100.11; S. P. Westervelt to J. J. Speer.....15,000

Same property: J. J. Speer to Susan Westervelt.....15,000

125th st., s. s., 292.6 ft. e. of 5d av., 18.9x99.11; Jacob Tuttle to W. Sommans.....10,000

149th st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Clifton av., 25x 100, Morrisania: M. Brien to P. O'Brien.....2,000

Railroad av., e. s., 290.5 ft. s. of 8th st., 25x150, Morrisania: E. M. Wight, Referee, to J. S. Lyon.....960

Willis av., w. s., 50 ft. s. of 146th st., 75x106, North New-York: T. Rae to A. J. Bossert.....8,100

2d av., e. s., 20 ft. n. of 52d st., 20x71; Anne Morris Wilkins, Auctioneer.

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CITY OF NEW-YORK,
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EXECUTOR'S SALE, BAYONNE, N. J.—TUESDAY, March 30, at Sales-room, New-York, the valuable estate of the late Mrs. Anna M. Smith, between lands of Gov. Parker and Garret T. Winant, on Kill von Kull. Wm. Smith, Executor.
A. J. BLEECKER & SON, Auctioneers.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—THE FIRST-CLASS STORE FLOOR, SHOW window, south-west corner of 11th st. and University place. W. W. GRISWOLD, Real Estate Broker, No. 744 Broadway, corner Astor place.

A THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE, 12TH st., between 3d and 4th avs.; modern improvements; perfect order. W. H. FALCONER, No. 100 4th av., near 12th st.

$1,500 RENT FOR A FINE FOUR-story high-stoop house, No. 50 East 74th st., or will sell at a great sacrifice. FRANKFIELD, owner, No. 323 8th av.

TO LET—ON MODERATE TERMS, THE BUILDing No. 290 6th av., between 18th and 19th sts.; store and dwelling part conveniently divided. Apply to A. SOUBIROUS, No. 294 6th av.

TO LET—THREE-STORY, HIGH-STOOP BRICK house, No. 586 7th av. All modern improvements. W. N. GRISWOLD, Real Estate Broker, No. 744 Broadway, corner Astor place.

TO LET, FURNISHED—NO CROCKERY, CUTlery, or bed linen; to a private family, No. 150 West 16th st. Inquire at No. 280 7th av.

TO LET—THE THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP BRICK houses, No. 62 West 9th st., all improvements. Apply to R. P. BERRIEN, No. 102 South 5th av.

TO LET—BEAUTIFUL FLATS IN EAST 79TH ST. at reduced rents. Apply on the premises, No. 326 East 79th st.

LONG BRANCH—TO LET.—SWISS COTTAGE delightfully situated, elegantly furnished; rent moderate. Address S. S., No. 170 William st.

HOUSES BETWEEN 2D AND 6TH AVS., 1st and 23d sts.; rents $1,000 to $5,000. W. H. FALCONER, No. 100 4th av., near 12th st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FACTORY FOR SALE.—MUST BE SOLD, TO close a trust. Small amount of cash; balance on bond and mortgage for three or five years. Save your rent, which will buy this property. Building, 100 feet front, two stories, with brick engine-room adjoining; 25-horse engine, 40-horse boiler, in perfect order. Also, building, detached, 20x60: Rogers' planer, which tongues and grooves: sheds and stable. Lot 150x100, with freight depot in front of premises, immediately on line of Flushing and Central Long Island Railroads at West Flushing, five miles from this City, and a short distance from dock on Flushing Bay. Immediate possession if desired. Good roads lead to ferries running to Astoria and Harlem, 34th st. and Chambers st., so that goods can readily be delivered to any part of New-York City. Right in the centre of a thriving village, this property will increase in value quite rapidly. Liberal terms to desirable party. Call between 9 and 11 A. M. at E. W. HITCHCOCK'S Real Estate Headquarters, No. 855 3d av., corner 26th st.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE.

The building and machinery known as the
BIRMINGHAM BLEACH WORKS,
situated on the Housatonic River, near the village of Birmingham, Conn.; a never-failing water power, with easy access to New-York City by Naugatuck Railroad. Building is very substantially built of brick, and will be sold or let with or without machinery; suitable for a paper manufactory.

For terms, &c., apply to J. M. BOLTON, Agent, No. 55 Leonard st., New-York, or to the GENESCO WORKS COMPANY, E. S. Sheldon, President, Birmingham, Conn.

FOR SALE—IN GREENS FARMS, TOWN OF WESTport, Conn., near Long Island Sound, and within a few minutes' walk of Railroad Station and Post Office, a farm of thirteen acres of good land, with house and other buildings thereon; also a variety of excellent fruit; near to church, schools, &c.; a fine trout stream on the premises. For further information, apply on the premises, or address JOHN ELLWOOD, Southport, Conn.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner of Main and Cone sts.

FOR SALE—FORDHAM PARK LOTS; PAYMENT can be made in instalments; buildings erected on deposit of two-fifths cost of submitted cost.
W. N. GRISWOLD, Real Estate Broker,
No. 744 Broadway, corner Astor place.

ORANGE, N. J.—(SPECIALTY.)—LARGE VARIETY of real estate for sale and rent. I. H. GERRY, No. 39 Nassau st., Orange office, opposite Main Depot.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.

ESTATE OF HENRY R. REMSEN, DECEASED.
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
ON EAST BROADWAY, WATER, MONROE, RUTGERS, HENRY, CHERRY, MARKET, AND EAST 12TH STS.,
To be sold at auction on
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WATER STREET.—Houses and lots Nos. 584 and 586 Water st., between Clinton and Montgomery sts.

MONROE STREET.—Houses and lots Nos. 67 and 86 Monroe st., near Pike st.

HENRY STREET.—House and lot No. 126 Henry st., between Rutgers and Pike sts.

RUTGERS STREET.—Houses and lots Nos. 24 and 26 Rutgers st., between Henry and Madison sts.

CHERRY STREET.—The lot No. 104 Cherry st., northwest corner of Market st.

EAST TWELFTH STREET.—The house, brick stable, and lot No. 37 East 12th st., between Broadway and University place.

SALE ABSOLUTE.

Two-thirds can remain on bond and mortgage for three years.

Book-maps at the office of
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NEW-YORK SUPERIOR COURT.—GEORGE NETTLINGER against FREDERICK STEGMILLER, CHARLES G. GUNDLACH and others.—In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale made and entered in this action on the 6th day of October, 1874, I, the Referee named in said judgment, will sell at public auction, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 28th day of March, 1875, at 12 o'clock noon, by Vernon K. Stevenson, Jr., auctioneer, the following premises, viz.: All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, with the building thereon erected, situate, lying, and being in the Tenth Ward of the City of New-York, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Delancey street, distant fifty (50) feet and three (3) inches westerly from the north-westerly corner of Norfolk and Delancey streets, running thence northerly and parallel with Norfolk street seventy-nine (69) feet eight (8) inches, thence easterly and parallel with Delancey street twenty-five (25) feet to the centre of a party wall, thence southerly through the middle or the centre of a party wall, sixty-nine (69) feet eight (8) inches to the northerly side of Delancey street, and thence westerly along said northerly side of Delancey street twenty-five (25) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New-York, March 4, 1875.

JOHN E. WARD, Referee.
D. S. RIDDLE, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 37 Park row.

PEREMPTORY SALE BY TRUSTEES AT AUCTION.

About 75 Acres of LAND on the HUDSON RIVER, AT SCARBOROUGH,
the next station south of SING SING.

This valuable estate will be divided into fifteen or twenty parts, many of them comprising some of the finest BUILDING SITES FOR SUBURBAN RESIDENCES WITHIN THIRTY MILES OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK. The whole is unsurpassed in point of view, valuable WATER GRANTS, and one of them also includes a wharf. The views from several of the plots are unrivaled. This property is directly opposite the railroad depot

AT SCARBOROUGH,
and between the HUDSON RIVER and BROADWAY.

Full particulars can be obtained from Messrs. Knox & Baker, Attorney, No. 2 Broadway, or from A. H. Muller & Son, No. 7 Pine st.; or Mr. Geo. W. Cartwright, Civil Engineer, at Sing Sing; the latter named will point out the boundaries and subdivisions of the several plots.

The sale will take place in the latter part of MAY, 1875, at the EXCHANGE SALES-ROOM, No. 111 Broadway, New-York City.

TIMELY NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN.
ADAM NORRIE,
JAMES BOORMAN JOHNSTON, } Trustees.
JOHN TAYLOR JOHNSTON.

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE,

NO. 15 EAST 48TH ST., ONLY SEVEN DOORS FROM 5TH AV.

First-class neighborhood in every respect, convenient and easy of access by cars and stages, on MADISON and 5TH AVS. This mansion is SUPERBLY FINISHED throughout, and all other work is first-class; the rooms deep, with an EXQUISITE DINING-ROOM on the Drawing-room floor, with MIRRORS, BOOK CASES, MANTELS, CUPBOARDS, CONCHES, BOUFFES, SIDE CHESTS, &c., finished in the NEWEST and MOST IMPROVED ARTISTIC STYLES SELDOM INTRODUCED INTO THIS COUNTRY. Parties desirous of purchasing a first-class residence will do well to call and examine before buying elsewhere, as it will guide them in COMPARING OTHER HOUSES.

The builder of this property, MATTHEW BYRNES, Esq., is well known for over a quarter of a century as one of the very best, most careful, and thorough builders in the City of New-York; parties examining this house cannot but ADMIRE the CARE NEGLECTED, and in how THOROUGH A MANNER this work is COMPLETED, which CARRIES OUT and fully SUSTAINS the SKILL and ABILITY of its BUILDER, both in the WORKMANSHIP on the INTERIOR and EXTERIOR, he having an extensive factory, with dry-rooms and machinery complete in all its appointments, for producing the VERY BEST WORK, of all kinds for BUILDING PURPOSES. Now occupied by one of the wealthy citizens this COMPLETELY AND MAGNIFICENTLY FINISHED HOUSE, at a PRICE SO LOW that I feel sure it is, considering the value of the lot, and actual cash cost to build the house, the best, most desirable, and REASONABLY-PRICED RESIDENCE now to be purchased in this City. Apply to

V. K. STEVENSON, JR.,
Offices No. 11 Pine st., or No. 33 East 17th st.,
Union square.

FOR SALE—BELOW 23D ST., WEST OF AND close to 5th av., a three-story house, 25 feet wide, for less than $24,000.

E. H. LUDLOW & Co.,
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A SURVEY OF THE RIVER.

FROM BELOW HAVRE DE GRACE TO SUNBURY, PENN.—THE ICE-GORGES ALONG THAT PART OF THE RIVER—THEIR APPEARANCE—PROBABLE DEGREE OF DANGER FROM THEM.

From Our Special Correspondent.

SUNBURY, Penn., Tuesday, March 23, 1874.

Following the tortuous windings of the Susquehanna from below Havre de Grace, where it empties itself into the Chesapeake Bay, I have reached Sunbury, just above which the river branches, and where, in the event of the ice moving simultaneously out of the West Branch, and from the gorge at Wilkesbarre, in the North Branch, the greatest destruction of property will occur. The present cold weather may avert the danger at this point by allowing the gorges of the upper and lower end of the town to gradually break up and drift away before the arrival from other of the branches of any more heavy ice. All along the line of the river the people in the small river towns have been since last Wednesday in a constant state of apprehension. Any night a suddenly liberated mass of ice may sweep down on them without warning, and utterly demolish their homes. I say without warning, because the experience of last week has shown that when a gorge forms in the river and the ice begins to back up and be forced over the banks, the telegraph poles invariably give way first, thus leaving the people below the point where the gorge forms to learn of the threatened danger only perhaps when it is at their doors. Below Sunbury the ice-gorges in the Susquehanna are not very much to look at. Although in some places, as at Marietta, the huge blocks have reared themselves into fantastic shapes, the ice generally has the appearance of snow, and dirty snow at that. Standing on the great iron bridge of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, between Perryville and Havre de Grace, with one's face toward Chesapeake Bay, the first ice-gorge in the Susquehanna is visible. By the way, no person is allowed either to stand or walk upon that bridge, but, as there is no other means of crossing the Susquehanna at that point, a law of the State of Maryland obliges all trains passing over the bridge to carry passengers from one side of the river to the other without charge. But to come back to the ice: if one could stand on the bridge facing the Chesapeake Bay—and the prospect is just as good from Perryville, where I actually did look from—the first gorge, or some people might call it the last to go, is visible. About a mile below the bridge the ice coming down the river struck on Penny's Shoal, and at once commenced to back up. Almost immediately the river commenced to rise, and in a few hours the ice having filled the space between Penny's Shoal and the bridge, the water was forced out of the river, and into the main street of Havre de Grace, which is situated on the west bank, just above the bridge. The Susquehanna is studded with islands, and to one of them, lying in the river a few hundred yards above the bridge of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, was due the safety of that structure when the ice came down the river on Thursday. It struck the island with great force, and thus saved the piers of the bridge from the brunt of the shock. A few houses on the island, and the lumber wharves and ice-houses at and near Havre de Grace, were speedily submerged. But of that and the consequent damage you have been fully informed. At Havre de Grace the river is about seven-eighths of a mile in width, and some distance further down widens into the Chesapeake Bay. Above and below the bridge, from the Penny Shoal to within a few miles of Port Deposit, the gorge has the appearance of a street in New-York after the street-cleaners have dug out the snow-heaps thrown up by the car companies' steam-ploughs and scattered the soiled material over the tracks. Very few large cakes of ice are visible, so that the gorge, instead of presenting the picturesque appearance which huge boulders massed into varied shapes, such as the illustrated papers love to picture, it is merely a vast field of dirty, sloshy ice, full of huge pieces of lumber, bits of railroad bridges, and occasionally a broken wagon or some article of household furniture.

At Port Deposit the next gorge occurs, and the river presents a similar appearance, except on the east bank, where the ice-cakes are massed to the height of twenty feet on the lumber piles and on the Port Deposit branch of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. At this point the river is very much narrower than at Havre de Grace, and the damage occasioned by the ice was therefore, very much greater.

After leaving Port Deposit the river winds along between the forest-covered mountains of Pennsylvania, and is not gorged again until Columbia is reached. Between Columbia and Port Deposit there are a number of islands in the river about which the ice masses, but there is in every instance clear water between the islands and the main land. There are also many snags or shallow places upon which the ice sometimes rests, but the strong eddies occasioned by the rocks prevents any serious accumulation.

At Columbia the water is almost cleared of ice, and indeed there is no absolute gorge until Selin's Grove, fifty miles above Harrisburg, is reached. About here, as almost everywhere along the river, the lumber dealers have been the heaviest losers by the floods and gorges, with perhaps the exception of the railroad companies. The bridge here was slightly injured, and traffic suspended for a time, but the danger for the present has passed. From Thursday until Sunday evening the Columbia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was closed, and it was only by putting on a force of over two thousand men to clear the tracks that the freight trains were able to get through on Sunday night.

At Marietta and Bainbridge, where the tracks are only divided from the river by the Pennsylvania Canal, the ice driven out of the river by the back-water when the gorge first formed reached a height of twenty feet. A number of canal-boats were also lifted bodily up and laid across the tracks. Opposite Marietta there is in the river a tremendous accumulation of ice. It reaches to a height of fifty feet, and is really the only picturesque pile in the Susquehanna below Sunbury. Crowds come from Harrisburg and the neighboring towns to see this miniature glacier. On some of the bright days of last week the curiosity-seekers were well repaid for their trouble. The huge mass glittered and shone in the sun with beautiful effect. There is clear water at either side of the accumulation, but should a thaw set in suddenly and the huge boulders become detached from the main pile, great damage will be occasioned down the river.

Between Bainbridge and Harrisburg the river is comparatively clear. At the latter place, as indeed all along the Susquehanna, everybody talks about freshets and floods and ice-gorges. But there is no danger at Harrisburg, nor has there been at any time since the ice commenced to come down the river. The river at that point is broad and deep, and unless a tremendous mass of ice moved solidly on the large island that divides the river at this point, no gorge could occur.

Between Harrisburg and Selin's Grove the river is almost entirely clear of ice. Passing up from the State capital yesterday to this place on the North Central Branch Road, there were many places where the broad bosom of the Susquehanna presented as smooth and smiling a surface as it would on a bright day in June. Were it not for the snow which still clings to the hills and is never out of sight, one could scarcely imagine that for miles up and down the river millions' worth of property was almost hourly threatened with destruction from floods and ice-gorges. At Selin's Grove, just below here, the ice is gorged on the bridge of the Lewistown and Sunbury branch road, and will almost certainly carry it away when the break comes. About a mile above the ice is again gorged on an island that divides the river at the southern end of the town. In this gorge the remains of the Danville and two wagon bridges, carried off the North Branch last week, are firmly wedged. The poor of the surrounding country have been engaged since Saturday breaking up the timber and carrying it away for fuel. As long as the cold weather continues and no further ice comes down there is no immediate danger. It is more than probable, however, that this town, situated as it is on a strip of flat land on the east bank of the Susquehanna, lying almost level with the river at high-water mark on one side and hemmed in by a high range of hills on the other, will not escape without some damage when the ice comes down from both branches of the river.

THE ICE-GORGES NEAR SUNBURY, PENN.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In THE TIMES of the 23d inst. your correspondent, in a special from this place, is not entirely correct in regard to the locality of some of the ice-gorges of the Susquehanna River in this neighborhood, and in his views of the situation at this point. Sunbury, being situated on the east bank of the Susquehanna, one mile below the confluence of the North and West Branches of that stream, with a broad expanse of water, double the width of either of the branches, is not in much danger of gorges, as the ice has ample room to spread, and sufficient depth of water to flood the gorged ice when it reaches this point. The gorge of the North Branch is not, as stated by your correspondent, at Bird's Island, opposite Northumberland, but six miles above, or half way to Danville. Should the gorge continue until the contemplated flood comes down, the whole valley will of course suffer more or less from back-water, but we do not apprehend much danger from the ice itself, except as I have stated.

The gorge below the dam, one mile below this place, is in the main river, which, at that point, is nearly three-quarters of a mile in width. The gorge is on the east side of the river, and does not extend one-third the way over, leaving an opening (not a slight one, as your correspondent has it) of about 500 yards, or equal in width to either of the branches of the river. This town, since 1865, has been amply secured by embankments at several points that place it beyond the reach of the highest flood ever known.

The ice this season, it is true, is double its usual thickness, but a week or two of warm weather may dissipate it gradually without doing much damage. So, also, of the snow, which is still several feet deep in the forests, at the head-waters of the Susquehanna. Should it go off, as in 1865, with incessant heavy rains, a great flood must be the result. But these are events of the future that no one can foretell.

On the Hazelton Road the trains are now running from Danville, and the track from that point to its terminus at this place is so nearly cleared that trains will commence their regular trips on Monday. The Northern Central Road, extending from Sunbury to Baltimore, has sustained but little if any injury, and the trains have not been detained an hour by any freshet this season.

The West Branch, which is gorged between Milton and Watsontown, twelve miles above this place, remains as it was when first formed, only firmer, as the river has fallen. From that point to Williamsport, twenty four miles, the river is clear. From Lock Haven up the ice has not moved. H. B. M.

SUNBURY, Wednesday, March 24, 1875.

MURDER OF AN ENGLISHMAN IN NAPLES.

Writing from Rome March 10, the correspondent of the London *Standard* says: Having called the attention of the reader to Naples, I may give him another specimen of life—or, alas! rather, of death—in that city, which has been attracting a good deal of attention here. A Mr. Henry Hind had lived for some years at Naples. He had been, as I have been told by one who knew him intimately, an officer in the British Army, but had thrown up his commission in order to join Garibaldi on the occasion of his expedition to Sicily and Naples. This imprudent step had the result of leaving him very nearly penniless. He had striven to earn a living by starting an English journal at Naples, but had only succeeded in diminishing the little property that remained to him. Under these circumstances he hired a little garden and greenhouse, and contrived to live by the sale of the flowers he cultivated. My informant spoke in terms of very high respect for him. He had, he said, known him well, and had found him always, despite his extreme poverty, perfectly a gentleman. He said further, that Mr. Hind's industry, constancy, and courage in facing his misfortunes had been above all praise, that he had never owed a man a shilling, or had in any way spent more than the little he could earn by his industry. A few days ago he was missed from all the places where he was usually seen, and after a second day had passed without anything being heard of him, the Police officers went to his house and found it in such disorder as indicated in all probability a struggle to have taken place in the room, but could find no trace of any booty. In the garden attached to the house there were two cisterns or wells; and one of these the owner, a gardener, who had been employed by Mr. Hind to assist in the cultivation of his garden, whether those cisterns were full of water. The man replied that they were. Whereupon the officer dropped a stone into one, and was surprised to hear, instead of the splash of water, the sound of the stone falling on a dry surface. The cistern, or well, was then searched, and the body of Mr. Hind was found, with a rope, the ends of which had been burned, round his neck, so tight as to have caused suffocation, and wounds on the head also sufficient to have caused death. Thereupon the gardener was arrested, and is still in the hands of the officers of justice. The Neapolitan papers at first attempted to maintain that it was a case of suicide. It has been found necessary, however, to abandon that view, and the idea now entertained by those who have the best means of forming an opinion on the subject is that the poor fellow was murdered—not for the sake of robbery, for he had nothing to excite the cupidity of any one, but simply for the gratification of the jealousy and hatred of others who pursued the same calling, and could not tolerate the superior success achieved by the Englishman's superior knowledge and superior industry. The sadness of the story is increased by the circumstance that the poor gardener who had turned his sword into a spade or, as, from the death of a relative, on the point of being enabled to return to his own sphere of life, and pass the remainder of his days in comfort.

A CORSICAN FAMILY FEUD.

An extraordinary trial for murder has just taken place in Corsica. The victim was a young man of Rogliano, named Tedeschi, and the accused Jean and François Marioni, aged respectively seventy and sixty-eight, father and uncle of the wife of the first named. Two daughters of Jean Marioni married, the one Tedeschi, the other her cousin, a son of François. Disputes about money affairs soon arose in the family, and the father, who appears to have been under the influence of his brother, wished to dispose of his fortune so as to give an undue share to his daughter Madeleine, who had married the son of François, to the prejudice of Rosita, Tedeschi's wife. The latter had a dowry of 50,000 francs, but of which she received only the revenue, an annual sum of 2,000 francs, said half yearly. Her husband had, however, a great difficulty in obtaining the money, and each payment was the occasion of a violent quarrel. On the 27th December last he called at the house occupied by his father-in-law and went to receive his wife's income; as usual high words passed between them, and on leaving he had only gone a few yards from the door when a gun-shot was fired at him and he fell mortally wounded. The murderer was the uncle, but Tedeschi before expiring declared that after he had fallen his father-in-law came out and shot him while already disabled. Jean and François Marioni, also illused him, and tried to take back the 1,000 francs he had just before given him. Great sensation was caused on the trial by the deposition of the widow, who declared that she had sworn to her husband to obtain vengeance, and that she demanded it from justice, although on her own father and uncle. The indignation among the population was such that the proceedings in court were frequently interrupted by manifestations from the public; angry words were also frequently exchanged between the advocates for the prisoners and the members of the family of the victim, and at length it became necessary to have a guard of fifty soldiers to preserve order. The jury acquitted Jean Marioni, the father, but returned a verdict of guilty against the other brother, François, who was in consequence condemned to ten years' imprisonment and to pay 10,000 francs to the widow and her child.

CARDINAL MANNING.

At a secret Consistory held at the Vatican March 15, his Holiness the Pope created six Cardinals, and notifications were immediately sent to them by Cardinal Antonelli, the Pontifical Secretary of State. That to Monsignore Manning was delivered to him at the English College in the presence of a number of English Catholics. After the Papal Master had retired, Cardinal Manning addressed those present in the following words: "I thank you all for your presence here to-day. I feel it is a sign of good to me and of devotion to the Holy Father and to the Church. I do not affect to think lightly of the great dignity conferred upon me without any merit of mine. It is truly an honor to be associated with the Sacred Council immediately around the Vicar of our Lord; and to share his lot in good and in evil. Indeed I would rather that this dignity fell upon me, as it does, in the time of danger than of safety. It is, as it were, being told off to the forlorn hope in the sight of the world; but a forlorn hope which is certain of victory. I feel that your presence this day is a representation of England, especially of those in England who have preserved unbroken the tradition of the faith, and that your kindness to me proceeds from love to England, and I feel assured that on returning to our country I shall meet with the same kindness and affection. Again I thank you all for your presence here."

CEMENT COFFINS VERSUS WOOD.

The Prefecture of the Seine has at present under consideration a new invention in connection with the burial of the dead—namely, the substitution of cement coffins for those made of wood. The thickness of the shell would not exceed three-fourths of an inch, and they would cost about the same as very common material, and far less than oak. The corpses would, it is argued, be more perfectly preserved, and for a longer period, and all mephitic exhalations would be prevented. M. Ferdinand Duval, Prefect of the Seine, has referred this proposal for examination to the Council of Health.

A GREAT NATIONAL WORK.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

SPEECH OF GEN. SHERMAN AT THE EADS BANQUET IN ST. LOUIS—VIEWS OF THE ARMY OFFICERS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE RIVER.

Gen. Sherman responded to the customary toast to the Army and the Navy, when offered at the banquet given Capt. James B. Eads by merchants of St. Louis in that city, on Tuesday evening last. Gen. Sherman said:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: I am rejoiced to see so large and so respectable an array of the neighbors and friends of Capt. Eads assembled tonight to do honor to one of the most extraordinary men of our day. I was his neighbor on Chouteau avenue twenty-four years ago, and, therefore, claim a right to share in these proceedings by a title older and stronger than the one which influenced your committee to invite me, as the General of the army of the United States. Such is my appreciation of Capt. Eads that I feel sure that he will be more pleased to know that his personal friends appreciate the importance and magnitude of the work he has already accomplished, and the still greater work he proposes to do, than to receive any amount of praise or flattery. Before approaching the main subject, let me say a few words which I believe are expected of me, and which are pertinent to the subject of my toast. The newspapers of the day, especially those of St. Louis, have given the impression that the Army is not friendly to Capt. Eads and his designs. This I am certain is a mistake. The Army always honors great deeds, but it is not their custom to parade their opinions, lest they be called on to act, when their duty often requires them to execute the plans of others. But on all public questions, officers of the Army are just like any other class of their fellow-citizens; each forming his own judgment on the facts as known to him, or as represented by others. At this present moment the army contains 2,204 officers, of which number 109 only are of the engineer corps. These latter constitute a distinct, separate body, and do not compose the whole army, or the one-twentieth part of it. They are, however, men of great intelligence, high culture, and of strict integrity and honor. On any professional question, when they are harmonious, I admit their opinion would have great weight with their brethren, but on few questions are they united. Each officer has his own opinion, and only expresses it when called on by authority; and on the great question of opening the Mississippi to ocean ships by which the commerce of the world is carried on, I know that our military engineers have differed, and do now differ, as widely as any other class of honest men.

This is no new question; it is older than any of us. Long before the Erie Canal or any of the railroads had created a line of communication from the West to the Atlantic ports the surplus products of the Ohio and the Mississippi used to float down to New-Orleans for a market. Even at the beginning of this century people were interested to improve the bars at the mouth of the river, and from that day to this the subject has been a living question; but, like all such questions, would rise and fall according to the popular tide. I myself have heard it discussed and ably discussed more than twenty years ago. No single man has probably given it more patient study than Gen. Humphreys, the present head of the Engineer Corps, and it may be said to be his "hobby." He seems, however, to have become so convinced that a canal, and a canal alone, will fulfill the problem, that probably he is not sufficiently patient with those who have as honestly reached the other conclusion, "the open mouth." Now it so happens that the very next name on the roll of that corps, Gen. J. G. Barnard, an officer of like merit and experience, is equally positive on the other side. Nor is this a private conversation. He has been an officer of the Engineer Corps for more than forty years—twelve of these years spent professionally near the outlets of the Mississippi. As early as 1852, when associated with Majors Chase and Bunnyell, he ardently opposed that project of canal, which was the hobby of Major Chase, and officially advocated almost identically the very scheme that Capt. Eads now proposes to execute, viz., to extend the natural banks at the South-west pass by artificial jetties. Again, in 1872, when a member of the Engineer Board, having charge of the scheme before it when the local engineer, Capt. Howell, reported in favor of the St. Philip Canal, which Gen. Humphrey indorsed, he (Gen. Barnard) reported officially in this language: "It is said the time has come when the needs of commerce demand the canal. The answer is that the time will come when the cry will be for a navigation unimpeded by locks. An open river mouth." I have much personal knowledge on this subject, but cannot now take up your time. I am sure, however, that Capt. Eads will bear me out in the assertion that he himself has utilized much of the statistics and data furnished by Gen. Barnard in his battle against the canal scheme. He must remember that Gen. Barnard sought the acquaintance of Baron Offenburg, Russian member of the International Board of Engineers which was intended the jetties at the mouth of the Danube; as also of Sir Charles Hartley, of the British Army, the supervising engineer of the same work, who happened to be visiting the United States at the time, in consequence of which was the appointment by the President of a joint board of military and civil engineers to proceed to Europe to study the similar works there in progress. This board reported favorably to the jetty system in preference to the canal, and two out of three military engineers on that board voted in its favor. This settled the controversy and paved the way to Capt. Eads' final success. I know of my own knowledge that many of our military engineers are, and have been advocates of the open mouth; so that I emphatically say that the Army is friendly to Capt. Eads' project, but are sure him they will watch his progress with intense interest, and will hail his ultimate success with as much enthusiasm as any other body of men in this country.

But there is another thing in this pass for which the Army will ever be thankful to Capt. Eads—which partook of a double nature, common to both the Army and the Navy—the construction of the iron-clad fleet of gun-boats at Carondelet in the Autumn of 1861. I have always believed that the honor of bringing into existence at once the Government the peculiar energy and skill of Capt. Eads was due to your most honored fellow-citizen, Edward Bates, then Attorney General. The first contract was with the Army Quartermaster General Meigs, for six boats of screw hulls of immense patterns, and shielded with iron plates two and a half inches thick. The timber was still in the logs and the iron in coarse blooms—and yet the ways had to be improvised and most of the machinery brought from the East. Yet Capt. Eads undertook to build and launch a hundred days. He did the work, and on time, and all the success was honestly due to his "immense" energy. Now, it is a matter of history that these iron-clads, with many others which rapidly followed, constituted that naval fleet which, under Admirals Foote, Davis, and Porter, helped us land-lubbers to clear out and remove the obstacles which a public enemy had placed along the banks of this mighty river for 1,000 miles of its extent. Will any one pretend that the Army and Navy were not grateful to Capt. Eads for this?

I hope he himself feels no doubt on this score; and if he does, I assure him that had his labors in the construction of the ironclads been all, he would have left to his children a legacy of honor that few men can pretend to.

Then, the bridge, which spans the mighty Father of Waters, and stands in the gaze of millions, the proudest possible monument to the genius of the architect; for dimensions, stability, strength, and beauty, it speaks for itself—a triumph of genius. But even here I must ask that my military friend, Gen. Flad, may come in for a share of the honor. He was with us in the war as an engineer, and I myself saw some very hot work on Bear Creek Ridge, and the hundreds of breaches made in war's dread path, and believe that no one values his industry and exalted talents more than does Capt. Eads; and while he may justly claim as the site for his own monument the crowning arch of the central span, I feel sure he will be willing that his friend should wear a garland in honor of Gen. Flad, amid the tracery of steel rods that make this great bridge so intricate and beautiful.

And now, gentlemen, I come to the main subject which has brought us together to-night. Our fellow-townsman, Capt. Eads, has undertaken to do that which, if successful, will place his name among those of the greatest engineers of the world; he has undertaken to bridge the Mississippi, to place a curb in his mouth, and to make him fulfil his high office as the servant of that vast commerce which must carry to the uttermost parts of the South the superabundant productions of the great valley. The idea of New-Orleans or Louisiana controlling this subject is absurd. The citizen of the United States who cultivates a farm on the Upper Alleghany, Wisconsin, or Yellowstone, is as much interested as he who cultivates his rice, or sugar, or orange grove, in sight of the Balize. The work is national, and the nation has assumed it and has delegated the work to Capt. Eads. There are many mouths of the Mississippi—Pass a l'Outre, North-east Pass, East Pass, and South-west Pass. The latter is now and has been the main sea channel, and Capt. Eads most properly and naturally preferred to lay hold of it; but the wisdom of our Representatives in Congress assembled has appropriated money alone for the South Pass, and at the South Pass must he try his hand. His plan, as I understand it, is to extend the present banks by artificial levees or dykes made of mattrasses of willow fascines, loaded with stone. These, extended to deep water, will beyond doubt force the river current to cut out its own channel of thirty feet in depth across the present bar to deep sea water. But we all know, and have ocular proof on the table before us, that the Mississippi water carries in suspension a large amount of sediment, which, owing to the change in current, which now it must deposit where the current ceases, in the still waters of the Gulf of Mexico. What is to be done with this mud? Where is Capt. Eads to find a hole big enough to hold it all, to prevent its forming another bar outside his new Balize? I trust he has undertaken it, and as he has in the past done mighty deeds we must repose with confidence in his ability to do this. It is not a question of cubic yards, but of cubic miles; and I doubt not Capt. Eads will say, and say truly, that the Gulf of Mexico is large enough to hold it all, and I am further willing to admit that if the same operation must be repeated every thirty-three years, the object aimed to be accomplished is worthy the efforts.

The first public banquet ever given in this beautiful room which I attended was to some English gentlemen, on a visit to our country, to see about their investments of money; among them were Sir Morton Peto, Mr. McHenry, and Hon. T. Kinnaird, of London. On their return to England in 1866 the former, Sir Robert Peto, published a volume of his observations on the resources of America, which is full of interest and bears directly on the question that occupies us to-night. He asserts that the annual consumption of wheat is six bushels to every individual. That the inhabitants of England and Ireland with 30,000,000 of people require 180,000,000 of bushels, of which they import 56,000,000. One-half of this comes from America and the balance from the Black Sea. Now, I have seen the steppes of Southern Russia, which produce the wheat exported from Odessa and Taganrog, and am satisfied they are identical with the plains of Western Kansas and Nebraska, now lying idle, and fed on by herds of wild buffalo. Let Capt. Eads remove the bar at the South Pass, even to the depth of twenty-five feet, so that sea-going vessels may at all times reach New-Orleans, and I am certain that England and Ireland alone will give you a certain market for $30,000,000 that now go to the Black Sea for wheat alone. Then take Brazil, the West India Islands, and other countries that need our cheap grain, and you have one single item of trade that approaches a hundred millions annually. In 1866 our country yielded 173,000,000 bushels of wheat and 138,000,000 bushels of corn. The census tables for 1870 further show that the extent of our country is measured by 400,000,000 of acres, only one-fifth of which is occupied. Illinois now heads the column of agricultural extent with 25,000,000 of acres occupied as farms; next Georgia, 23,000,000; then New-York, with 22,000,000, and Missouri, with 21,707,220 acres. The aggregate value of farm products for 1870 was $3,447,658,000. Yet our country is in its infancy, and the amount of human food that we can produce is only limited by the demand and the cost of carriage, and we all know that the Mississippi River itself affords the cheapest possible carriage, provided the necessary ships are ready at its mouth to receive this freight. In 1870 our population was 38,553,381. Applying the ratio of increase 33⅓ per cent. every ten years, we have for 1880 51,411,116, for 1890 68,548,214, for 1900 91,397,199, so that many now here will probably live to see the day when the population of our country will be a hundred millions.

If as industrious as their fathers the surplus of food for shipment abroad will be simply infinite; plenty to give occupation to the Erie Canal, and every railroad leading Eastward, as well as the vaster amount that must flow down the Mississippi and seek a market by the channel that Capt. Eads now proposes to solve.

The great civil war that recently upheaved us as by an earthquake, is nearly forgotten. New issues and new troubles already disturb us. Let the past go; look to the future, and I say to Capt. Eads, go in; work like a beaver on your great dams and dykes, and may God spare your life and health to see the Great Eastern steam up to New-Orleans for her 25,000 tons of St. Louis superfine flour to carry back to Sheerness for the hungry millions that want it, in that human hive—London.

MR. RUSKIN ON GLACIAL ACTION.

Mr. Ruskin lectured on March 11 to a very crowded meeting at the London Institution, on the simple dynamic condition of glacial action among the Alps. He said, in his eloquent introduction, that the beauty of the Alps had first made him quit his study of geology for that of painting, and he had begun to observe the growth of their glaciers at an early period of his life. He did not know if any book existed now to supply the place of *Evenings at Home*, which had been classical in his youth. It contained a lesson under the title of "Eyes and No Eyes," which he, for one, would be sorry to forget; but if such a book were to be written in these days he supposed the title and the moral would be changed, and instead of "Eyes and No Eyes," the tale would be called "Microscopes and no Microscopes." For it was becoming, with perpetual increase of prevalence, that people learned men to take interest only in objects which cannot be seen without the aid of instruments, and he supposed that if men of science were permitted to make themselves to their own liking, in place of suffering the slow progress of selective development, they would give themselves heads like wasps, with three microscopic eyes in the middle of their foreheads, and two ears at the end of their antennæ. The artist, on the other hand, whether painter, sculptor, or musician, is pre-eminently a person to be seen with his eyes, hears with his ears, and labors with his body, as God constructed them. In using instruments, he limits himself to those which convey or communicate his human power, but rejects all that increase it. Titian would refuse to quicken his touch by electricity, and Michael Angelo to substitute steam-hammer for his mallet. He would try, in his lecture, to show them things which they might see with human eyes if they tried to see them. No one honored the past labor and respected the present rest of the late Sir Charles Lyell more than his scholar who spoke to them; but his great theory of the constant and equal power of existing phenomena was only in a measure proved. There were, broadly speaking, three great demonstrable periods of the earth's history—that in which it was crystallized, that in which it was sculptured, and that in which it now breaks and resculptured or defaced. Those three periods interlace with each other and graduate into each other as the periods of human life do. Something dies in the child on the day that it is born; something is born in the man on the day that he dies. Nevertheless, his life is broadly divided into youth, strength, and decrepitude. In such clear sense, the earth had its three ages, of whose duration we know as yet nothing, except that it has been greater than any man had imagined. In the first period the rocks were soft. Sandstone was probably in depression; in the second, the mountains were cut out by forces which we do not yet know anything definite about. In the third period, the valleys excavated in the second are being rubbed down. Of the agents in this action, the visible glaciers of to-day, the first thing he had to say was that they are fluid. Therefore they do not scramble down, nor tumble down, nor crawl down, nor creep down, but flow down. They don't move like leeches, nor like centipedes, nor like serpents, nor like stones, but like what they are made of—water. The next thing about them was, he supposed, new; at all events, though he suspected it, he did not know it himself till very lately, for he had never been under the bottom of a glacier to look. But last year he was able, Chamouni to traverse the whole mass of a glacier, which had been 200 feet thick, but which had retired from its bed, and he saw that modern glaciers were not making their beds deeper, but filling them up. Now, as to the first point, the "flowing" of glaciers, what does the word mean? The spring of a fountain or of a sea breaker into spray is not flowing. But when the sea is retiring from the shingle we call that flowing, and the definition of the word is the motion of liquid or viscous matter over or beside solid matter under the action of gravity, without any other impelling force. There are two methods in which a stream or glacier flows. The first is by withdrawing a part of its mass in front, the vacancy left by which another part supplies from behind. That is deduction, the method of a continuous stream. The second way is when the mass behind presses in upon the masses before. That is injection—the way in which a cataract falls into a pool, or a fountain into a basin. The *Mer de Glace* is deduced down its narrow channel like a river, and another glacier down its steep ravines, and both were once injected into a pool of ice in the valley below; and the glacier of the Rhone is so still. Glaciers are of viscous and clinging material, most like honey. One of the points which even Forbes regarded with some embarrassment was the annual rise of the surface of the glacier heaved from below in Winter to supply the Summer's waste, as if the ice had the power of reproduction. Now, if you open a pot of honey and take out a good table spoonful of it, you will see the surface generally ebb in the pot. Put the tablespoonful back in a lump at one side and you will see the surface generally flow in the pot. The lump you have put in at the side does not diffuse itself over the pot, but it sinks into the rest, and the whole surface rises round it to its former level. In like manner every pound of snow put on at the top of Mont Blanc makes the surface of the glaciers rise at the bottom. It is worth making an effort to conceive the real periods of time involved in glacier motion. At the centre of any great glacier stream, low down where the ice is softest and moves fastest, its maximum average rate will not pass two feet in the twenty-four hours. The minute hand of a watch moves five or six times as fast. It, therefore, your ice-breaker rises at all, it rises through years of surge, returns through years of recoil. The little ripple of the stream breaks on the shore with quick repetition; the Atlantic wave slowly uplifts itself to plunge, and slowly appeases its thunder; the ice-wave, if there be one, would be to the Atlantic as the ocean's is to the brook's. The question, if there be such a wave, is of vital importance to that of glacier action on crag. Mr. Ruskin added that he would give a definition of a glacier which he requested his audience to take note of. It is a tide which takes a year to rise, a contract which takes fifty to fall, a torrent that is ribbed like a dragon, and a rock that is diffused like a lake.

SAD ACCIDENT IN PARIS.

The Paris correspondent of the *London Daily News* writes March 13: "A shocking accident occurred on Wednesday evening, which has thrown the Rothschild and other great Jewish families into mourning. Mme. Anspach, with her son and daughter, Mlle. Helène Anspach—a young lady of considerable beauty, well known in the fashionable world of Paris—were returning home toward midnight from the Théâtre Français. Crossing the boulevard opposite the New Opera, Mlle. Anspach was run over by an omnibus. two of the wheels passing over her body. When picked up she was insensible, but as consciousness returned she said she felt no pain, and was borne without apparent suffering to a cab. In the vehicle she placed her head on her mother's shoulder and took hold of her hand, which she pressed against her chest—Mme. Anspach giving utterance all the while to expressions of thankfulness for what seemed to her the miraculous preservation of her child's life. But on reaching the house she found that she had only a corpse in her arms. A heartrending meeting took place when the body of the young girl was carried into the drawing-room, between Mme. Anspach and her husband, who had been absent from Paris on business for three weeks previously, and had arrived an hour before the accident. To surprise agreeably his family, he did not give them notice of his coming. A magnificent set of pearl ornaments, which he bought when away for his daughter, were set out on the table in such a way as to catch her eye the moment she entered. M. Anspach, on hearing the wheels of the carriage in the court-yard of his hotel, ran to hide behind a door, in order to enjoy the astonishment and girlish delight which the sight of the jewels would elicit. His agony can well be conceived when the cry, 'She's dead, she's dead!' reached him. Mlle. Hélène Anspach was a niece of an eminent Judge of the Court of Cassation of the same name, and granddaughter of M. Anspach, of Metz, who wrote the Jewish liturgical service in use in France."

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

THE AMENDMENTS TO THE MILITARY CODE—OPINIONS OF MILITARY MEN IN THIS CITY—CONSOLIDATION RECOMMENDED BY A PROMINENT OFFICER.

The proposed amendments to the Military Code of this State which passed the Assembly on Tuesday, and which are not likely to meet with much, if any, opposition in the Senate, have been the subject of considerable discussion among National Guard officers in this City. The amendments were framed at the annual meeting of the State Military Association in January. Among the most important clauses are the repeal of the $1,000 exemption clause; the alteration of the terms of service of enlisted men from seven to five years; permitting enlistments for terms of one or more years; the increase of the salary of armorers from $2 to $3 per day; giving accused parties the right to be represented at court-martials by counsel; permitting a division commander to issue certificates of discharge, upon "good and sufficient reasons," to parties who have not served their terms of service of seven years; increasing the regimental appropriations from $500 to $1,000 per annum; battalions to $500; $1,000 to mounted troops and batteries; $200 to those unmounted, and $400 to separate troops of cavalry or infantry; also a special appropriation of $15,000 annually for rifle practice and rifle-ranges throughout the State. The repeal of the "$1,000 exemption clause" is conceded by National Guardsmen in this City to be a good measure. The original intention of this clause was to exempt from taxation property to the value of $1,000 possessed by any member of the National Guard. It is well known that the great majority of the members of the First Division in this City, and the Second Division in Brooklyn, are young men, the total amount of the property of each of whom will not exceed $1,000, and that the only parties who have derived any benefit from the law are farmers and residents of the suburban and rural districts, whose services in a military capacity are rarely called for, and as their rate of taxation sometimes amounts to five and six per cent., the loss to the State, and the gain to them, amounts to a considerable sum, which in addition to their exemption from jury duty, makes a membership in the National Guard very profitable. The repeal of this clause will return a handsome revenue to the State, and will also provide for the increase of the regimental appropriation without inflicting any additional burden upon taxpayers. The clause "giving accused parties on trial before a court-martial the right to appear by counsel," is only legalizing an old-established custom. As all the charges, testimony, &c., are preferred in writing, there is nothing more easy for the accused than to submit a statement of his case to his counsel for the purpose of having the papers made out in proper form, without the knowledge of the court-martial. The same may be said in regard to the clause allowing a division commander to issue discharges to parties who have not served their terms of seven years' service, upon the certificate of the Captain of the company, the Colonel of the regiment, and the Commander of the brigade to which the applicant belongs. This can be easily accomplished by simply dropping his name from the roll, adding in the order to that effect: "For the good of the service." This has not, however, been a regular proceeding, excepting in cases where it was apparent that to compel the applicant for discharge to remain in the service would be a detriment to his success in life, as in cases where a party might be the sole support of a widowed mother, or a family, and his connection with the National Guard would prevent him from obtaining a situation, which a discharge would effect. But a discharge of this character does not, it is conceded, exempt a party from jury duty, as the Military Code, section 253, plainly specifies that "every person who shall have served in the National Guard for seven years and has been honorably discharged, shall be exempt from jury duty." Hereafter, unless some special amendment is made to the contrary, this law will be in effect by the simple alteration of the term from seven to five years. The latter clause is looked upon by a prominent staff officer of the National Guard as likely to prove a great detriment to the several regiments.

A prominent officer of the Seventh Regiment recently stated that although he did not anticipate any evil effects to his regiment from this measure, it would be the means of creating many other and weaker organizations. The majority of the recruits in the regiments enter the service between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five. At that period of life they rarely hold any responsible position in business, but are chiefly clerks, or mechanics. At the expiration of five years they will probably become partners in a firm, or hold some office which makes duty in the National Guard onerous, and they at once obtained their discharges. He thought that an additional two years would have been a wiser amendment, as nineteen-twentieths of the object men had in view in enlisting was to obtain the advantage of exemption from jury duty in after years. The State was now, he thought, sufficiently pressed for jurymen, without affording additional means of escape. Inspector Gen. Woodward, formerly Major General of the Second Division, stated that he was in favor of all the amendments. The $1,000 exemption clause had never been worthy of notice in the Second Division. Out of 3,500 men only 400 had availed themselves of the privileges during the past year. The amendment permitting a man who had already served a term of seven years in the National Guard to re-enlist for one or more years he thought was a good one, and would have the effect of strengthening the National Guard, as many men who might feel disposed to re-enlist for only five years or for one or two years would hesitate before re-enlisting for so long a term as five or seven years. Col. Vose, of the Seventy-first Regiment, said that he favored all of the amendments excepting the one reducing the regular term of service from seven to five years. He could not see that the welfare of the State or the National Guard would be promoted by it. The re-enlistment on short terms he decidedly approved of. In fact, it was a measure that he had urged at the last meeting of the State Military Association. The Thirty-second Regiment, he said, had practiced this method for the past two years, under no show of law whatever. He did not know of any other regiment which had enlisted men upon short terms.

Major Gen. Shaler stated to a TIMES reporter that, in his opinion, the clause providing for the reduction of the terms of service of enlisted men from seven to five years was not inserted with the knowledge or consent of Major Gen. Hunter, but was probably rushed through the Assembly at the last moment. He disapproved of that clause, but the remaining amendments met with his hearty approval. The clause permitting a division commander to cause the discharge of an enlisted man upon the application of the latter, indorsed by the commandant of his company, was a good measure, he said, and had often been needed heretofore.

Gen. Knox, of the Ordnance Department, stated that the appropriation of $15,000 for rifle-practice and rifle-ranges throughout the State would be insufficient, if it was intended to cover the expense of sending the several regiments to Creedmoor, including the prov

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 27.

SALES FROM 2 TO 3 P. M.

$5,000 Reg. 6s, '81.....120 | 100 North-west....s5. 45¾
11,000 U. S. 6-5s, '81.121¼ | 200 do.....45¾
5,000 U.S.5-20C,'68.120½ | 500 do.....s3. 45⅞
10,000 U.S.5-20C,'67.120½ | 700 do.....46
5,000 U. P. L. Gt.....100⅝ | 400 do.....s3. 46
38,000 U. P. Sink. F...91⅞ | 1200 do.....46
100 Cen. Coal.....48 | 100 do.....b3. 46
200 West. Un.....s3. 76⅝ | 600 do.....46¼
1000 do.....76¾ | 200 do.....s3. 46
1200 do.....76⅞ | 1300 do.....b3. 46⅛
800 Pac. Mail.....44¾ | 1700 Rock Island.....106½
1200 do.....44¾ | 600 do.....106⅝
1200 do.....s3. 44⅝ | 400 do.....106¾
1200 do.....44¾ | 100 do.....106⅞
3400 do.....b3. 44½ | 200 St. Paul.....106¾
1800 do.....s3. 44⅝ | 800 do.....37½
500 do.....44⅝ | 100 do.....37⅝
300 do.....44⅝ | 1100 do.....37½
600 do.....44⅝ | 100 St. Paul Pf....b3. 57
3900 do.....44⅝ | 100 do.....57
700 do.....44⅞ | 400 Ohio & Miss.....28
2800 do.....45 | 1000 do.....s3. 28
1700 do.....45⅛ | 50 do.....27⅞
300 Erie.....34 | 200 do.....b30. 28
do.....s3. 33⅞ | 200 Del., L. & West...113⅜
1200 do.....34¼ | 100 Tol. & Wab.....11
200 do.....34 | 400 do.....13⅞
100 do.....33⅞ | 500 do.....14
700 do.....s30. 33⅝ | 100 do.....14¼
600 do.....34 | 200 do.....14⅜
100 do.....34⅛ | 500 do.....14½
1700 do.....b3. 34¼ | 400 do.....b3. 14⅜
500 do.....34⅜ | 100 do.....14¼
3100 do.....34⅜ | 200 do.....14
2800 do.....34⅜ | 200 H. & St. Jo. Pf.....35
900 do.....b3. 34⅝ | 100 do.....35
10 do.....34⅝ | 100 do.....35¼
1900 do.....34⅜ | 300 do.....35¼
306 North-W. Pf.....b3. 61 | 500 do.....36
100 do.....61 | 300 do.....36¼
500 Union Pac.....59¼ | 100 do.....36⅜
200 do.....60 | 100 do.....36½
200 do.....60⅛ | 103 Han. & St. Jo.....26
200 do.....60⅛ | 100 do.....26
400 do.....60 | 500 do.....26¼
400 do.....60⅜ | 100 do.....26⅝
300 do.....60¼ | 100 do.....26¾
600 do.....60⅝ | 100 do.....b30. 27⅛
800 do.....60⅝ | 300 do.....27⅜
300 do.....60⅞ | 300 do.....28¼
100 do.....b3. 61 | 800 do.....28⅜
200 do.....61 | 600 do.....28⅝
200 do.....61 | 100 do.....28¾
200 do.....60⅞ | 100 do.....28⅞
200 do.....61 | 500 do.....29
500 do.....61⅛ | 100 Pac. R. of Mo.....48⅜
100 do.....61⅜ | 200 N. Southern.....54
1500 do.....61⅜ | 200 Lake Shore.....74⅜
200 do.....61⅜ | 100 do.....74⅝
1500 do.....61⅜ | 500 do.....74⅞
1400 do.....61⅜ | 500 do.....75
100 do.....61¼ | 1300 N. Y. C. & Hud.....107
600 do.....61¼ | 100 Quicksilver.....31⅜

MONDAY, March 29—A. M.

The week which ended on Saturday was more remarkable than even the preceding one as regards the importance of events in financial circles. The buoyancy of the stock market, the chief feature of the week, exceeded anything known since the panic of 1873, and the volume of business was unprecedented in the history of the board. The gold speculation lost ground and has ceased to excite any apprehension in the public mind. There was a decided improvement in the foreign exchanges, although a portion of the advance was lost at the close. The active speculation in stocks had little or no effect upon the money market, and, with the exception of a few short intervals, the rates of interest were maintained at low figures, and the supply of capital was abundant. In connection with the monetary situation some curious facts are presented this year. It is always customary during the closing days of March for the New-York City banks to send large amounts of currency to the Middle and Eastern States to assist in making the usual First of April settlement among the farmers. The amount sent up to the present time this year is insignificant, compared with previous years, and some of the City banks during the week have been receiving currency from Boston and the Western cities, so that the legal tenders in the bank statement show but a small decrease for the week. What money has already gone to the interior, and that which is still to go during the few remaining days of the month, will all return again in the early part of April, and, in addition, it is not unlikely that the return flow of currency will exceed in amount the outflow for the April settlements. The signs are all favorable for an easy working of the money market in the future, and the importance of this can be well appreciated by those engaged in legitimate trade. With a further growth of confidence new enterprises may be started and old ones revived, which, of course, would give more active employment for money and impart a more healthy tone to the market. The volume of trade for the week was fair, considering the adverse influences of extremely unfavorable weather, and everything looks well for a good business as soon as the weather becomes seasonable, especially as it is known that the supply of goods in the interior is small, and the agricultural classes are likely to be placed in the possession of considerable amounts of money from the sale of the surplus products as soon as the roads will admit of the transportation of produce to the railroads. The importance of the rise in breadstuffs has been heretofore adverted to, and this is now being generally appreciated. The marketing of the wheat and other grains still left in the hands of the farmers, and the moving to the sea-board of the hog and beef products of the West, must give that section the handling of very large amounts of money, probably not less in the aggregate than $100,000,000, the influence of which will be felt from the leading cities of the Atlantic coast to those of almost every part of the Western country; the merchant will feel it in reviving trade; the railroads will reap the benefit of it in increased traffic, both from the movement of produce to the sea-board and the return flow of merchandise to the interior; labor will feel it in increased employment; various enterprises left in a dormant state by the panic of 1873 will be resuscitated; the cotton and woolen mills of New-England will be fully employed; the blast-furnaces of the Middle and Western States gradually set to work again, and throughout all the ramifications of trade and commerce will the influence of the marketing of our surplus of products be favorably felt. It seems to be now generally conceded that the country has reached the turning point, and that from this time forward the nation is likely to recuperate steadily from the depression which followed the catastrophes of the close of the eventful year 1873. Wall street is always quick to perceive the approach of prosperity or depression, and the buoyancy on the Stock Exchange during the past few weeks, and especially during the week last past, affords a clear and unmistakable indication of the confidence entertained in financial circles as to the hopeful prospects of trade and commerce in the future. The statement of the Associated Banks issued from the Clearing-house on Saturday was favorable. The figures show a decrease in loans of $4,305,300, and a liquidation in deposits of $3,694,800. The legal tenders are down $222,300, and the circulation $697,100. The specie average has increased $1,014,000. The excess of reserve above legal requirements now stands at $6,501,175, against $4,795,775 the previous week, a gain of $1,705,400. The following shows the condition of the banks on Saturday last, as compared with the previous week, and also with the corresponding week of last year:

	March 20.	March 27.	March 28
Loans	$283,388,100	$279,052,800	$286,177,500
Specie	7,966,800	8,288,800	25,439,300
Legal tenders	52,131,600	51,909,300	60,585,100
Deposits	218,419,300	214,724,600	238,730,900
Circulation	22,211,000	21,534,900	26,736,400

And the following shows the relations between the total reserves and the total liabilities of the banks:

	March 20.	March 27.	Differences.
Specie	$7,268,800	$8,288,800	Inc. $1,014,000
Legal tenders	39,131,800	51,899,500	Dec. 282,300
Total reserve	$59,400,600	$60,182,300	Dec. $781,700
Reserve required ag't deposits	54,604,825	53,681,125	
Excess of reserve above legal requirements	$4,795,775	6,501,175	Inc. $1,705,400

On the Stock Exchange both investment and speculative shares were characterized by strength and buoyancy, a general improvement in values having been recorded, the week closing with no diminution in the excitement. The advance in prices ranged from 1½ to nearly 10 ₱ cent. in the active list, Union Pacific, Pacific Mail, Erie, and the Hannibal and St. Joseph shares leading the upward movement. The transactions for the five business days of the week, Good Friday having been observed as a close holiday on the Stock Exchange, reached the enormous total of 1,750,000 shares, by far the largest portion of the business having been in Pacific Mail, Union Pacific, Erie, and Northwest. Union Pacific advanced from 51⅞ to 61½, with sales at the close at only ¼ ₱ cent. below the highest point. Pacific Mail fell off from 39¾ to 39¼, but afterward advanced 6 ₱ cent. The improvement is attributed to the reforms inaugurated by the new management, the large decrease in running expenses and the increase in freight and passenger rates resulting from the establishment of harmonious relations with the railroads. Erie awoke from its spell of inactivity and assumed quite a prominent position in the dealings. In the final business the price touched 34⅜, an advance of nearly 8 ₱ cent. The preferred advanced from 45 to 48 on comparatively small dealings. Northwest fell off from 46 to 43¾, but afterward more than recovered the decline, closing firm at 46⅛. The preferred, after declining 1 per cent., rose to 59¼, an advance of over 2 per cent. from the lowest point. Lake Shore, Rock Island, Western Union, and the St. Paul shares advanced 1 to 2 per cent., and closed generally at the best prices. Hannibal and St. Joseph ranged from 23¼ to 29 for the common, and from 32 to 37½ for the preferred. Wabash fell from 30⅞ to 12¼, rose to 14¾, and reacted slightly at the close. Investment shares advanced ¼ to 2 per cent. The closing dealings on Saturday were attended with firmness and buoyancy.

There was no perceptible change in the money market, which continued easy at 3@4 per cent. for call loans during the greater part of the week. There were some exceptions at slightly higher rates, but the advance was speedily followed by an increased supply of capital. In discounts a moderate business was transacted on the basis of 5½ to 7 per cent. for prime mercantile paper.

The Sterling Exchange market was firm early in the week and rates were advanced from $4 81½ and $4 85½ to $4 83 and $4 87 for Bankers' 60 days and demand bills respectively. The demand was checked by the return of higher rates for cash gold, and at the close the nominal rates stood at $4 82 and $4 86, while actual business was done as low as $4 80½ and $4 84½. Gold declined from $116⅜ to $115½, and afterward rose to 116¼. The market exhibited less spirit than last week, and was devoid of any special features. Cash gold was in better supply for a time, and the loaning rates easy. On Saturday 1-32@3-64 was paid for its use, but the supply soon increased, and holders paid a slight consideration to have balances carried.

Government bonds were strong, and prices advanced ¼ to ¾ ₱ cent., the highest prices having been current at the close. Railroad bonds were firm, and prices advanced under a good investment inquiry. The Union Pacific securities led the market, and attained the highest prices ever made. State bonds presented no feature calling for comment.

COURSE OF THE MARKET—THE WEEK.

	Closing Mar. 28.	Highest.	Lowest.
U. S. New 5s, Coupon, 1881	115½	115¾	114¾
U. S. 5-20s, Coupon, 1862	117¾	117¾	117¼
U. S. 5-20s, Coupon, 1867	120⅞	119⅞	119⅛
American Gold	116⅜	120¼	116⅜
N. Y. Central and Hudson	101⅜	102¾	101¼
Chicago and Rock Island	106⅞	107¼	106⅝
Pacific Mail	45¼	45¾	44¾
St. Paul Common	37¾	38¼	37¼
St. Paul Preferred	57	57¾	56¾
Western Union	77¼	77⅝	76¾
Union Pacific	61½	61⅝	59¼
Lake Shore	75⅝	75⅞	73¾
Toledo and Wabash	14¾	15¼	13¾
North-western Common	61½	61⅝	59¼
North-western Preferred	59¼	59¾	57
Delaware and Lackawanna	112	113¾	111¾
New-Jersey Central	111½	111¾	111
Panama	115	115½	115
Erie	34⅜	34⅜	33¾
Ohio and Mississippi	28	29¼	27
C., C. and Indiana Central	53¾	53¾	53
Harlem	130½	130	130

RANGE OF PRICES AND CLOSING QUOTATIONS MARCH 27.

	Highest.	Lowest.	—Closing— Bid.	Asked.
New-York Central	101	101	101	
Erie	34⅜	33⅞	34⅜	34½
Lake Shore	75⅜	74½	74¾	74⅞
Wabash	14¾	13½	14	14¼
North-western	46¼	45½	46	46⅜
North-western Pref.	59¼	58¾	59½	59⅝
Rock Island	106⅞	106¼	106⅜	106⅝
Milwaukee & St. P.	37¾	36¾	37⅜	37⅝
Mil. & St. Paul Pref.	57	56½	57	57⅛
Pittsburg	91⅞	91¾	91¾	92⅛
Del., L. & West	113¾	113¼	113¾	113¾
Michigan Central	77	77	76	77
Union Pacific	61⅝	58½	61⅜	61⅝
C., C. & Ind. Cen.	53½	53¼	53¼	53½
Hannibal & St. Jos.	29	24½	28¼	29
Han. & St. Jos. Pref.	37½	33	36½	37½
Ohio & Mississippi	28	27¾	27¾	28
Missouri Pacific	48⅜	48¼	48¾	48⅝
Panama	115	115	114	115
Western Union	77¼	76¾	76¾	76⅞
Atlan. & Pac. Tel.	24	23¾	24	25
Pacific Mail	45¼	44	44¾	44⅝
Quicksilver	32½	31¾	31¾	32
Quicksilver Pref.	38	38	38	40
Amer. M. U. Express	64	64	63⅞	64
U. S. Express	61	61	60½	62

The exports of gold and silver from New-York since July 1, 1874, are as follows:

July	$3,506,728	January	$10,119,325
August	7,316,397	February	3,763,118
September	2,922,533	March 6	988,761
October	1,614,753	March 13	664,270
November	4,446,600	March 20	826,991
December	12,497,641	March 27	639,283
Total			$48,207,310
Total to same date, 1874			28,784,452
Increase in 1875			$19,422,858

The import entries at New-York of foreign dry goods and general merchandise (not including foreign specie) since July 1, 1874, are as follows. The figures are official to the close of the year, and since semi-official from the Custom-house:

July	$32,749,971	January	$24,684,968
August	33,101,567	February	30,161,910
September	30,343,021	March 6	10,819,653
October	29,383,335	March 13	7,223,855
November	23,949,667	March 20	7,960,911
December	24,085,984	March 27	7,127,029
Total			$259,302,396
Total same date, 1874			265,630,145
Decrease in 1875			$5,727,749

The export clearances from New-York of domestic produce and miscellaneous goods, (including foreign articles re-exported,) since July 1, 1874, are as follows:

July	$26,454,378	Feb. 9	$4,389,576
August	24,584,859	Feb. 16	3,959,584
September	21,690,714	Feb. 23	5,133,631
October	24,285,553	March 2	3,469,070
November	19,988,235	March 9	5,342,000
December	23,504,786	March 16	5,127,006
January	16,286,303	March 23	4,104,679
Total			$188,906,373
Total to same date, 1874			224,376,099
Decrease in 1875			$36,169,719

Gold, March 27, 1875.....116⅜
Gold, March 28, 1874.....112⅞

The Customs receipts in gold deposited in the New-York office of the United States Treasury, and the gold interest paid out by the office, since July 1, 1874, are as follows:

	Customs.	Gold Interest.
July	$9,989,078	$14,992,537
August	12,508,813	4,100,122
September	11,719,133	3,439,639
October	9,055,358	2,466,493
November	6,873,821	5,035,120
December	6,462,818	7,122,943
January	8,167,814	9,207,578
February	12,031,058	6,332,306
March 6	9,712,767	1,358,000
March 13	9,232,506	486,000
March 20	7,712,000	207,700
March 27	2,738,965	238,413
Total	$86,051,558	$54,986,865
Total 1874	86,586,400	49,167,389

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, March 27—12:30 P. M.—Consols for money, 92⅞@93; for the account, 92⅞@93. United States 10-40 Bonds, 102⅜. Erie, 26¾@27.

1:30 P. M.—Erie, 26¾.

3:30 P. M.—Erie Railway shares, 27¼@27½. Paris dispatches quote Rentes at 64f.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, March 27, 1875.

The receipts of the principal kinds of produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pks.		Lead, pigs	300
Beer, bbls.	2	Leather, sides	22,543
Beans, bbls.	154	Pea-nuts, bags	810
Broom-corn, bales	45	Tar, bbls.	752
Dried Fruit, pkg.	174	Resin, bbls.	1,923
Eggs, bbls.	1,655	Spirits Turp., bbls.	541
Flour, bbls.	11,521	Crude Turp., bbls.	674
Meal, bags	1,162	Tea, pkg.	73
Wheat, bushels	89,980	Oil-cake, pkg.	3,410
Corn, bushels	51,700	Beef, pkg.	50
Oats, bushels	28,800	Pork, pkg.	618
Rye, bushels	400	Cut-meats, pkg.	1,344
Malt, bushels	14,200	Lard, tcs.	1,207
Barley, bushels	5,000	Butter, pkg.	3,134
Peas, bushels	6,000	Cheese, pkg.	3,152
Grass-seed, bags	316	Tobacco, pkg.	18
Cotton, bales	3,591	Stearine, pkg.	50
Oil-meal, bbls.	150	Rice Chaff, sacks	600
Oat-meal, bags	1,200	Sugar, bbls.	114
Flax, bales	420	Syrup, bbls.	40
Flax-seed, bags	16	Starch, pkg.	2,345
Grease, pkg.	50	Spelter, pcs.	1,717
Hemp, bales	39	Tea, pkg.	3,404
Hops, bales	236	Tobacco, hhds.	175
Hides, No.	3,810	Tobacco, pkg.	813
Hides, bdls.	180	Wool, bales	123
Lard-oil, bbls.	55	Whisky, bbls.	1,022

ASHES—Have been inactive, but steady at $6 for Pots and $8 37½ for Pearls, ₱ 100 lb.

BEES-WAX—Has been held firmly at from 33c.@35c. for Yellow, on a light stock and mail advices.

BRICKS—Have been rather more inquired for since our last, the stock afloat thus: Pale, $3@$5 50; Jersey, $6 25@$8 50; Upriver, $6 50@$6 75; Haverstraw, $7 50@$8; Croton, $12@$13; Front, $12@$13 50; Dark, and Philadelphia Facing, $22@$32; Baltimore, $50@$55, closing at $4 80 for No. 1.

CANDLES—Have been generally dull but quoted steady. Adamantine at 13c.@17c.; Paraffine, 16c.@24c.; Sperm, 45c.@46c.; Stearic, 27c.@28c. ₱ lb.

COAL—Has been inactive in the wholesale line, with values quoted somewhat irregular and nominal. Liverpool House Cannel at $17; do. Gas Cannel at $12; Newcastle Gas, $7; Scotch Gas, $7 50@$7 75; American Gas, $6 75; Cumberland Soft, $7@$7 50; American Splint, $7@$7 50; Upriver, $6 50@$6 75; Anthracite at $4 75@$5 50 ₱ ton. Trade in the retail line has been limited at previous quotations.

COFFEE—Rio has been quoted a shade firmer since our last, with good ordinary to prime now quoted at 15c.@18c., gold, on a better demand, with sales reported of 7,000 bags by the Gamaliel at 15¼c. and 988 bags by the Havana at 17c., gold; and taken out of bond 1,755 bags by the Surprise, 2,250 bags by the Florence, 1,785 bags by the Blackpool, and 311 bags by the Merrimack. And at Baltimore, 500 bags by the Aquidneck for private terms. Stocks in first hands here this evening, 75,639 bags. Other kinds quoted steadier but quiet, within the previous range.

COTTON—Business in this line has been comparatively light. The Cotton Exchange having remained closed and dealings having been limited to a few private operations, on, however, a very firm basis as to values. The reported transactions included some 1,700 bales, part for export.....The receipts at this port for two days were 3,591 bales, including 491 bales from Norfolk, 799 bales from Wilmington, 409 bales from Charleston, and 1,892 bales by railway.....The receipts at all the shipping ports were 6,227 bales for the day, and 49,119 bales for the week.

Prices of Cotton in New-York—American Standard Classifications.

Ordinary	Uplands. 14	Alabama. 14	N. O. 14⅛	Texas. 14⅛
Good Ordinary	15½	15½	15¾	15¾
Low Middling	16¼	16¼	16¾	16¾
Middling	16⅝	16⅝	16⅞	16⅞
Good Middling	17⅛	17⅛	17	17
Middling Fair	17⅝	17⅝	17½	17½
Fair	18¼	18¾	18	18⅛

COOPERAGE STOCK—Has been quoted steady and in moderate request, with Hogsheads shipped to-day, from $1 00@$200; do. Pipe at $1 40@$2 60; do. Barrel, $50@$1 35; Bar. Shooks, 75c.@80c.; Pipe Shooks at $6 50@$7; Sugar Shooks, with heads, $2 10@$2 65; Molasses do., $2@$2 25; Hoops, 35c.@40c. per bundle.

CORDAGE—Has been quoted nominally unchanged in price, but has been very quiet as a rule.

FIRE-CRACKERS—Have been moderately inquired for on the basis of $2 30@$2 42½, currency, for short to full count.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Shipping grades of State and Western Flour have been in fairly active demand at essentially unaltered rates. Trade and family Extras have been in limited request at about former figures. The sales since our last have been 15,700 bbls. of all grades, including No. 2 Flour at $4 50, the latter an extreme; ordinary to very fancy State and Western at $4 50@$5, chiefly at $4 65@$4 75 for fair to very good, and $5 to $5 75 for Minnesota, the latter for choice; inferior to good Extra State at $4 90@$5 25, chiefly at $5 00@$5 25; poor to very good fancy do. and City Mills Extra at $5 25@$6, chiefly at $5 50@$5 75; poor to very good shipping Extra Western at $4 90@$5 25, chiefly at $5 00@$5 25; very good to fancy do., $5 25@$5 75; poor to very good trade-and-family Extra do. at $5 85@$6 25; poor to choice Minnesota do. at $5 85@$6 25, chiefly at $5 50@$5 85, and trade-and-family Extra at $6 00@$6 75, chiefly at $6 25@$6 50. Rye Flours were 8,400 bbls. shipping stock, part City Mill product, at quoted rates.....Southern Flour in light demand at about former prices. Sales have been reported since our last of 800 bbls. in lots, at $4 65@$5 90 for very poor to very good Baltimore shipping and trade Extras, and $6 90@$7 50 for ordinary to very choice Family Extras.....Canada Flour dull and neglected. Rye Flour in moderately active, within the range of from $4 25@$5 10 for fair to very choice Superfine. Sales 400 bbls., chiefly at $4 90@$5 for fair to good Superfine. Corn-meal has been in brisk request and firmer, within a limited range of from $3 90@$4 40 for very poor to choice Yellow Jersey, and $4 70@$4 80, closing firmer, with sales 1,000 bbls. at $4 80 for Brandywine. Sales have been reported since our last of 2,450 bbls., including 1,150 bbls. Brandywine at quoted rates, 500 bbls. Golden Bar at $4 40, and 600 bbls. ordinary Yellow Western, mostly in a jobbing way, at from $4 35@$4 45 for poor to choice Yellow Jersey, and $4 70@$4 80, closing firmer, with sales 1,000 bbls. at $4 80 for Brandywine. Sales have been reported since our last of 2,450 bbls., including 1,150 bbls. Brandywine at quoted rates, 500 bbls. Golden Bar at $4 40, and 600 bbls. ordinary Yellow Western, mostly in a jobbing way, at from $4 35@$4 45 for poor to choice Yellow Jersey, and $4 70@$4 80, closing firmer, with sales 1,000 bbls. at $4 80 for Brandywine.

GRAIN—Spring Wheat has been less sought after by shippers, as well as by millers, and has been quoted weaker in price, in instances 2c.@2c. lower, on more liberal offerings, especially of other than Milwaukee stock. Winter Wheat has been dull, yet quoted firm. Sales have been reported since our last of 107,000 bushels at $1 23@$1 25 for No. 3 Spring, ordinary to choice, chiefly at $1 27 for (16,000 bushels) prime Milwaukee to arrive within two weeks; $1 18@$1 21 (nominally) for No. 2 Milwaukee Spring, in store and afloat; $1 17@$1 20 for No. 2 Chicago Spring, in store and afloat, mostly at $1 17@$1 18 for stock in store, closing at $1 17 for very good, in store, and $1 18 for fair to good, afloat; $1 17½@$1 20 (nominally) for No. 2 Northwest Spring, in store and afloat; $1 13@$1 18 for No. 3 Spring; $1 12@$1 25 for ungraded Spring; $1 30@$1 40 for ordinary to extra choice White Western, mostly at $1 40 for the choice, and within the previous range for Red and Amber Western. New Corn has been in good request, partly for export, at rather firmer rates, but closed dull and under a shade off the best prices of the day. Sales have been reported since our last of 85,000 bushels at 86½c.@87½c. for ordinary to choice new Mixed Western, closing at about 87c.@87¼c. for prime, afloat; 87½c.@88c. for prime new Yellow Western, and 87c., in part, for new White do.....Old Corn is dull and nominally lower. Rye very quiet; held above the views of buyers. No car lots sold within the range of 96c.@$1 ₱ bushel.....Barley has been in fair demand, but the advanced prices checked operations. Sales have been reported since our last of 25,000 bushels California in store at $1 20@$1 22½c., with prime to $1 62 asked, afloat, and Danubian at $1 56 bid and up to $1 62 asked; also, 5,000 bushels French, in store, private terms, reported sold.....Barley-malt in active at irregular prices.....Oats have been in good request, and prime stock quoted strong and higher. Sales reported of 48,500 bushels at 68c.@70½c. for 68c.@72c. for inferior to prime White, and 70c. for fair Mixed Western, mostly at 70½c. for stock, afloat; White State, 69c. for Mixed do., and 71c. for choice; firmness within the range.....Hay, Straw, and Feed held with active demand.....The week's exports became to Europe: peas ports included 6,794 bbls. Flour, 534,276 bushels Wheat, 68,693 bushels Corn, 8,577 bushels Rye, and 18,424 bushels Peas.

GUNNY BAGS AND BAGGING—Have been held firmly, but have been quiet since our last, with Domestic Cloth quoted at 12¼c.; Calcutta Bags at 11½c.@12c.; Calcutta Cut Bagging at 9c. ₱ lb. Of Domestic Cloth, 1,000 rolls have been sold at Boston at 12c.

HEMP—Has been held more firmly, but not active We quote: Manila Hemp at 7½c.@8c.; Sisal at 5½c.@5⅝c.; gold, ₱ lb.; clean Russian at $220@$225, gold, ₱ ton; Dressed American, $300@$300; Undressed do., 5½c., gold. Jute, 4c.@5½c.; ₱ ton; Sisal at 5½c.@ currency. Prime North River Flax, 15c.; fair to prime Canada do., 14c.@16c.; tow, 11½c.@12c. ₱ lb. Jute Butts have been quite freely dealt in since our last, the latter having been reported of 750 bales here or ey. ₱ lb.

HIDES—Have been more freely dealt in, but at easier prices. Wet Salted have been more urgent in their offerings. The week's receipts have been 38,527 Hides; sales, 44,910 Hides and 45 bales, the latter including, according to Messrs. Pickard & Co.'s Price Current, Buenos Ayres, 20 to 22 lb., at 23¼c.@23½c., gold, 4 months, usual selections; 2,290 Dry Buenos Ayres, 22 to 27 lb., on private terms; 2,000 Dry Montevideo, 24 lb., at 23¾c.@24c., gold, 4 months, usual selections; 2,000 Dry Rio Grande Cow, 20 lb., at 22½c., gold, 4 months, usual selections; 1,440 Dry California, 24 lb., part at 22½c., gold, 4 months, usual selections; 5,024 Dry Central American, 19 to 21 lb., at 19c.@ 21¼c., gold, 60 days, selected; 3,455 Dry Matamoras, 24 lb., on private terms; 1,500 Dry West India, 15 lb., at 17c., gold, 60 days, selected; 700 Dry Vera Cruz, 18 lb., at 19c., gold, 60 days, selected; 800 Dry Ecuador Kips, 10 lb., on private terms; 8,500 Dry Texas, 25 to 26 lb., at 21½c., currency, cash less 4 to 5 ₱ cent., selected; 3,460 Dry Texas, 22 to 24 lb., part at 20c., currency, cash less 4 to 5 ₱ cent., selected; 800 Dry South-Kips, 10 lb., on private terms; 300 Dry Texas Kips, 10 to 15 lb., on private terms; 300 Dry Texas Slaughter, 10 to 15 lb., on private terms; 1,500 Calcutta Cow, 10 to 15 lb., on private terms; and 45 bales Calcutta Cow, 210 Monterey, and 2,200 Buenos Ayres Kips on private terms; 900 Dry Texas, 21 lb., at 19½c., four months; 700 Green-salted Cow, at 10c., and 600 City Slaughter at 9½c. Stock in first hands here to-day, 139,250 Hides and 730 bales do.; against 101,700 Hides and 600 bales do. same time last year.

HOPS—Have been attracting rather more attention, but at somewhat easier and irregular prices. We quote New-York, fair to very choice, new, 35c.@40c.; New-York, low to fair, new, 30c.@35c.; Eastern, new, 28c.@36c.; Western, new, 28c.@36c.; Tearlings, 15c.@ 40c. ₱ lb. The week's receipts of Domestic are 737 bales, and since Sept. 1 as made up by Mr. Wells, 40,274 bales, as against 18,946 bales same time last year. Exports this week, 54 bales, and since Sept. 1, 15,387 bales. Wells says: "Brewers have bought moderately, though most of the business done has been of a forced character, and the business done has been compelled to realize and buyers who were speculatively inclined, and who have hopes of better prices next month. Quite free sales of choice Hops have been made in the interior this week by our dealers at 37c., cash. Although 40c. and over is asked for the same quality of goods here, 38c. is all that could be realized."

LIMES, LIME, AND LUMBER—More demand has been noted for supplies, and holders have been more confident in their views.

LEATHER—Has been in somewhat better request in most instances, and values have been generally quoted steady. The week's exports have been generally quoted

MOLASSES—Foreign firm, but inactive. A cargo of 783 hhds., 42 tcs., and 7 bbls. Matanzas, of recent arrival, not reported marketed. Of New-Orleans, new crop, 280 bbls. reported sold at 64c.@74c. ₱ gallon.

NAILS—Have been in ample stock and comparatively moderate demand, on the basis of $3 25@$3 50 for common Fence and Sheathing, in full and job lots.

NAVAL STORES—Resin has been rather slow of sale, but quoted firm, within the range of $2 07½ for No. 2; $2 62½@$2 65 for No. 1; and $5@$8 for Pale to extra Pale ₱ 280 lb. Sales have been reported since our last, of 550 bbls. Nos. 2 and 1 at $2 25@$2 40 ₱ 280 lb.....Tar has been inactive at $2 20 for Wilmington Rope.....City Pitch, $2 25, delivered.....Of Spirits Turpentine, 60 bbls. merchantable sold at 36c. ₱ gallon; market quiet but steady.

OIL-CAKE—Has been moderately inquired for since our last, with City, in bs, quoted at $44@$45, gold; week's receipts have been 4,971 pcs.; exports, 8,577 bags.

PETROLEUM—Has been less confidently sought after, and quoted rather easier in price.....Crude, in bulk, delivery, were sold at 14¾c.@14⅞c.....Refined, at Philadelphia quoted at 14¾c.@14¾c.....Refined, in cases, 19½c.@20c.....City Naphtha, 9¾c ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been very quiet at about former prices, with sales reported for early delivery of new Prime Western Mess at $20 70@$20 75, and extra Prime at $15 75@$16; and for forward delivery of new Western Mess 500 bbls., May option, at $20 60, closing at $20 62½@$20 70.....Dressed Hogs in City.....Cut-meats have been in fair demand, and quoted down to 9¾c.@9¾c. for pickled Bellies, 14 to 16 lbs. average; 9¾c. for pickled Bellies and Shoulders; 8c. for Hams, and 8¼c.@8½c. for smoked Shoulders and Hams at 13c.; 1,000 pieces fresh Bellies at 10¾c.@11c.; 1,500 Pickled Hams at 11¾c. and 13c.; 750 Smoked Hams at 13¾c.; 1,500 Pickled Shoulders at 8¾c.@8¾c.; 1,000 Smoked Shoulders at 9¼c.@9¾c.; small lots of Pickled Bellies and Hams, figures; 300 bxs. Boston Backs on private terms, quoted at 12c.@12½c.; with Western Meats quoted as before. Clear sold at 11¼c. ₱ lb.....Lard has been quoted rather firmer in price on restricted offerings, but has been inactive. Sales have been reported, for early delivery, of 150 tcs. Western Steam at 9¾c.@9¾c.; 100 tcs. City Steam at 14¾c.; small lots of Western Steam at 9¾c.; 60 tcs. City Steam at 14¾c.; 200 tcs No. 1 and Refined quoted at 14c.@14¾c. and Refined quoted at 14c.@14¾c. April options, of 1,000 tcs. Western Steam, 750 tcs. City, and 1,000 tcs. Refined, with about 4,000 quarters Grain, a British ship, 848 tons, with reaswed Timber, from Pensacola, reported at 130s. For the Continent, a Norwegian bark, 475 tons, with about 2,900 bbls. Crude Petroleum, from Baltimore, reported at 4s. 9d. ₱ bbl., with option of Grain at 5s. 9d. ₱ quarter, and a Swedish bark, 410 tons, with about 2,600 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Baltimore, at 4s. 9d. ₱ bbl. For Antwerp, by steam, 1,500 Wet-salted Hides on private term, quoted at 35s.@37s. 6d. ₱ ton.....For Bremen, by steam, 400 bales Cotton, 1,300 pkgs. Provisions, and 6,000 bushels Grain, reported on private terms. For Rotterdam, by steam, 400 bbls. Flour, reported at 4s. ₱ bbl.....For Hamburg, by steam, 1,200 pkgs. Bacon and Lard, part at 28s. 9d. ₱ cwt.; 300 bags Coffee (taken some days since); and 100 bbls Beef, at 4s. ₱ bbl. Also, a British bark, 365 tons, with Timber and Staves, from Richmond, reported at £900.....For the Baltic, direct, a Norwegian bark, 349 tons, hence, with Resin, at 3s. 3d. ₱ 280 lb.....For Leghorn, an Italian brig, 271 tons, hence, with about 1,300 bbls. Refined Petroleum at 4s. 9d. ₱ bbl.....For Rio Janeiro, a Swedish brig with about 1,400 bbls. Flour, from Richmond, at $1 ₱ bbl.....For Barbados, an American schooner, 243 tons, with general cargo, reported at $4 ₱ bbl.....For St. John, N. B., a British schooner, about 200 tons, hence, with general cargo, reported at 50c. ₱ bbl.....For St. John, N. B., a British schooner, about 200 tons, capacity, hence, with general cargo, reported at $650.....For Porto Rico and back to New-York, an American schooner, 189 tons, with general cargo, at $1,800 ₱ charter.....For Porto Rico, direct, an American brig, 172 tons, hence, with general cargo, reported at $1,600.....For Cabarien and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, 398 tons, reported on the basis of $5 12½ for Sugar.....For St. Jago and back to New-York, an American schooner, reported at 40c. for the north side of Cuba, and a German schoo

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Sealed proposals, addressed to Wm. H. Swift, at Messrs. Ward, Campbell & Co.'s, No. 56 Wall st., New-York, or to the undersigned Trustees, care of Charles Merriam, Agent, No. 28 Sears Building, Boston, will be received until FRIDAY, April 2, 1875, at noon, for the sale of $50,000 of the Land bonds of said company to the undersigned Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the indenture of mortgage, dated April 1, 1874.

The bids will be opened in Boston on Saturday, April 3, and the accepted bids declared.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT, }
SIDNEY BARTLETT, } Trustees.
NATHANIEL THAYER, }

NEW-YORK, March 26, 1875.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY, } NEW-YORK, March 19, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, for the election of Directors and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year, will be held on MONDAY, April 5, 1875, at the office of the company, corner of 2d av. and 62d st.

Polls open at 12 M. and close at 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer-books will be closed March 25, and be reopened April 6.

HARVEY H. WOODS, Secretary.

MARIPOSA LAND AND MINING COMPANY.

Persons holding certificates of the Preferred and Common Stock in the Mariposa Land and Mining Company will please take notice that an assessment of one dollar per share has been levied, payable on or before April 14, 1875, at the principal office in San Francisco, or at No. 9 Nassau st., New-York; indorsement will be made upon the certificates when paid. For full particulars inquire at the office.

MORRIS H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 23, 1875.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ROLLING STOCK CO., Nos. 74 AND 76 WALL STREET, N. Y. New-York, March 8, 1875.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of this Company will be held at its offices, Nos. 74 and 76 Wall street, at noon of WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of April, 1875, to receive the report of the committee appointed at the meeting of Feb. 4, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

WM. H. GUION, Chairman.

A. HEGEWISCH, Secretary.

NOTICE.—A MEETING OF THE FIRST MORTgage bondholders of the Monticello and Port Jervis Railway Company will be held at the office of Lord, Day & Lord, No. 68 William st., in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY next, March 30, 1875, at 2 P. M., to take action respecting the disposition of the road under foreclosure proceedings now pending.

PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, }
No. 170 BROADWAY, }
NEW-YORK, March 22, 1875. }

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN (15) Directors of this company will be held at the office on MONDAY, 5th April next. Poll open from 12 M. until 1 P. M.

WILLIAM VALENTINE, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 3, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of the St. Louis Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will be held on TUESDAY, April 20, 1875, at the office of the company, in the Third National Bank Building, No. 417 Olive st. By order of the Board of Directors.

N. E. GOULDY, Secretary.

CORNER WALL AND BROAD STS., } NEW-YORK, March 27, 1875. }

LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAIL-road CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE BONDS.—Coupons from above bonds due 1st of April prox. will be paid upon presentation at our office on and after that date. DREXEL, MORGAN & CO.

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THE TRUSTEES OF THE McARTHUR Mining Company are requested to attend a meeting on April 6, at o'clock, at office of company, No. 468 Broadway, New-York.

March 27, 1875.

THE BONDHOLDERS OF THE WEST WISCONSIN RAILWAY COMPANY are requested to call at or communicate with the office of the company, No. 74 Broadway, in relation to the proposed plan of funding the coupons as recommended by the Committee of Bondholders.

F. E. TROWBRIDGE, Secretary.

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DIVIDENDS.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, } OFFICE No. 227 SOUTH 4TH ST., PHILADELPHIA, March 17, 1875. }

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The transfer books of the company will be closed on the 31st instant, and reopened on Monday, April 12 next. A quarterly dividend of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. has been declared on the preferred and common stock, clear of all taxes, payable in cash, on and after the 26th of April next, to the holders thereof as they shall stand registered on the books of the company at the close of business on the 31st instant.

All dividends payable at this office, where blank orders for dividends can be obtained.

Stockholders A to L will collect at desk No. 1, and those from M to Z at desk No. 2.

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW-YORK, March 10, 1875.

NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF TWO AND ONE HALF (2½) PER CENT. has this day been declared on the stock of this company, payable on the 15th day of April next, at the office of Messrs. M. K. Jesup, Paton & Co., to holders who are registered as such at the closing of the books. The transfer books will be closed on the 1st and reopened on the 16th of April next. J. B. DUMONT, Assistant Secretary.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, March 18, 1875.

DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. HAS this day been declared, payable at the office of the company on the 27th day of April, to the shareholders or their legal representatives, who shall be registered as such on the closing of the transfer-books.

The transfer-books will be closed on the afternoon of Monday, the 5th day of April next.

FRANCIS H. TOWS, Treasurer.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds of the CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, (San Joaquin Valley Branch,) due April 1, 1875, will be paid at office of Fisk & Hatch, No. 5 Nassau st.; the coupons of the Central Pacific Railroad Company Land Bonds, due April 1, 1875, will be paid at the office of the Company, No. 9 Nassau st. and No. 11 Pine st., New-York. C. P. HUNTINGTON, Vice President.

OFFICE OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 52 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, March 23, 1875.

THE COUPONS DUE 1ST OF APRIL, 1875, on consolidated bonds, will be paid at the National City Bank. W. M. RICE, Financial Agent.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK, PROVIDENCE AND BOSTON RAILROAD COMPANY, (STONINGTON RAILROAD,) NEW-YORK, March 25, 1875.

A QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF TWO AND A HALF per Cent. out of the earnings of the last three months will be paid at the office of Messrs. M. Morgan's Sons, No. 39 William st., on the 10th day of April next. Transfer-books will be closed from the 5th to the 12th of April. F. B. NOYES, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, March 26, 1875.

THE ANNUAL QUARTERLY DIVIDEND OF Two and a half per cent. will be paid by this Company, April 20. The transfer books close March 31 and open April 21, 1875.

FREDERICK H. GIBBENS, Treasurer.

THE BONDS AND COUPONS OF OSWEGO County, New-York, due April 1, 1875, formerly payable at the Atlantic National Bank, No. 9 Nassau st. will be paid on presentation at the Importers' and Traders' National Bank of New-York. L. H. CONKLIN, Treasurer Oswego County.

THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE Bonds of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, (of California,) due April 1, 1875, will be paid at the office of the Company, No. 9 Nassau st. and No. 11 Pine st., New-York. C. P. HUNTINGTON.

THE KEOKUK AND DES MOINES RAIL-WAY COMPANY.—The coupons of this Company, due April 1, 1875, will be paid on and after that date at the National Bank of the State of New-York, No. 33 William st. HENRY A. BARLING, Treasurer. NEW-YORK, March 24, 1875.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN CHANCERY OF NEW-JERSEY.—BEtween THOMAS PROSSER, Complainant, and GIANT LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, Defendants.—On bill, &c.—In pursuance of an order of the Chancellor of New-Jersey, in the above entitled cause, dated March 9, A. D. 1875, the creditors of the Giant Locomotive Works are hereby notified to present to the undersigned, the Receiver appointed in said cause, under oath or affirmation, to the satisfaction of said Receiver, their several claims and demands against the Giant Locomotive Works, within six months from the date of said order, or be excluded from the benefit of such dividends as may hereafter be made and declared by said court upon the proceeds of the effects of said corporation.—Dated March 9, 1875. CHARLES T. PIERSON, Receiver, mh22-law13wM. Paterson, N. J.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the partnership name of EDWARD & WATERS, has been this day dissolved by mutual agreement.

ALFRED W. SPEAR alone is authorized to collect the debts and settle up the business and affairs of said partnership, and sign and use the firm name in liquidation.

ALFRED W. SPEAR,
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NEW-YORK, March 25, 1875.

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Boxes and tickets will be ready for sale at the headquarters of the Executive Committee, Wheeler & Wilson Parlors, No. 44 East 14th st. on and after Monday, March 22, from 10 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LADY WASHINGTON RECEPTION,

ACADEMY OF MUSIC,

TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6, 1875,

in aid of the building fund of the Floating Hospital of St. John's Guild.

A tableau of Huntington's Republican Court, *in costume*, will be presented, after which the guests will be invited to a tea party, presided over by ladies in costumes of that day, representing the thirteen original States. The cups and saucers used on this occasion will bear the Washington crest. Dancing will follow the reception. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the following ladies and gentlemen:

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THE EASTER FESTIVAL.

A DAY OF JUBILEE IN THE CHURCHES.

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The clear sky and warm air of yesterday gave the Easter services in the churches special interest, independent of the memories and beautiful lessons of the occasion itself. The day was an inspiration, and the song and worship, the decorating and ceremonies that are inseparable from it, all partook of the additional beauty and grandeur which the heavens vouchsafed. From early morning the throngs of church-goers lined the avenues, and long ere the hour of the principal service was reached the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches, with hardly an exception, were filled to excess. At 10:30 almost as many were coming away from the larger houses of worship unable to gain entrance as were on their way to them. The preparations for the fitting celebration of the day had been made without stint of labor or expense, the floral displays being well-nigh as imposing and artistic as the grand and classic music which composed the programmes. In conformity with the general good cheer and charm of the occasion, the introduction of Spring costumes had its share in magnifying the influence of the festival. If the fresh adornments of fashion were a motive to direct many to places of prayer and hallelujah, the impressive exercises soon made them forget the temporal things and think of the spiritual. The pulpit themes were everywhere connected more or less intimately with the one great thought which makes the festival sacred to the Christian world, and the whole service of song and the designs of flowers were calculated to intensify and beautify that thought. Following will be found brief accounts of the services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, at Trinity, St. Alban's, St. Ann's on the Heights, and other prominent churches. At all of these the crowds were intolerable, the services were protracted and singularly impressive, and the general arrangements surpassed the usual elegance of detail for which they are noted. At St. Thomas' Church also the programme was elaborate, and there was hardly standing space in the entry-ways at the opening hour. Many of the churches of the other denominations were devoted to Easter sermons, and none of them forgot the significance of the season.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

The services in St. Patrick's-Cathedral yesterday were a good deal more elaborate than on ordinary Sabbaths. Low Mass was celebrated at 6, 7, 8, and 9 o'clock, and the principal service of the day, a solemn Pontifical High Mass, commenced at 10:30. Cardinal McCloskey officiated, but only in the capacity of Archbishop, the dignities and surroundings proper to the Cardinalate being laid aside until after the formal installation. He was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Kane, Horgan, Farrell, Doyle, Kearney, and Farley. As the Easter services in St. Patrick's always attract a very large congregation, additional accommodation was provided, the regular seats being supplemented by chairs arranged along the aisles. The space even with this provision was insufficient. Every step of the stairs leading to the organ gallery was occupied, and numerous worshipers surrounded the entrance unable to obtain admission. The decorations were profuse, but chaste, and the high altar was ablaze with lights. The side altars were also exquisitely decorated and illuminated. The flowers used in the decoration of the high altar were principally lilies; bouquets were distributed in most of the niches; a handsome vase of choice flowers was placed at each end of the altar, and the tabernacle was garnished with excellent taste. According to the observances in the Easter services at the Roman Catholic churches, the Paschal candle was in position on the Gospel side of the altar. The musical programme was more elaborate than usual, the regular choir being supplemented by a large volunteer force. The chorus consisted altogether of forty voices, and all the principal soloists of the church gave their services. There were Mme. Bredelli, (soprano,) Mrs. F. H. Gross, (soprano,) Mme. Ellenreich, (alto,) Mr. Berain, (tenor,) and Mr. Urchs, (bass). The organist was Mr. Gustavus Schmitz, and Mr. Henry Scomitz conducted. Precisely at 10:30 the procession entered the church from the sacristy. Cardinal McCloskey wore a rich vestment and the Archbishop's mitre, and carried in his hand the pastoral staff, emblematic of his office. He was preceded by the assisting deacons and subdeacons, and by a number of boys dressed in soutanes and surplices. The celebration of the service was then begun. The mass was Haydn's No. 2, and the most notable portion of the programme was the "Quam Dilecta," by Mercadante, sung at the offertory, the "Veni Creator," by Haydn, and the "Ecce Panis," by Proch, which was sung immediately after the Elevation. The solo portion of the "Quam Dilecta" was sung by Mme. Bredelli, the "Veni Creator" by Mme. Ellenreich, and the "Ecce Panis" to which Mr. Henry Schmitz furnished a beautiful French horn obligato, was sung by Mrs. Gross. The "Qui Tollis," which was sung by Mr. Urchs, was also a notable feature of the musical service. The sermon was preached from the Gospel of the day by Rev. Father Quinn, Vicar General. He first narrated the history of the Resurrection, and pointed out to his hearers how on the Easter festival, the Church emerged from the gloom and sorrow of Lent and assumed an attitude of thanksgiving and rejoicing. He then referred to the evidences of its authenticity, and described it as the foundation of the Christian faith, of Christian morals, and of all our hopes. He finally spoke of the resurrection as the consolation of the just, but the terror and alarm of sinners, and exhorted his hearers to so live that they would be always ready to appear before their God. During the service a collection was taken for the Orphan Asylum. At the conclusion of the mass Cardinal McCloskey gave to the congregation the Papal benediction. The services in the evening consisted of the vespers, by Generali, and Lambillotte's Easter Oratorio.

AT TRINITY CHURCH.

The Easter services at Trinity Church were elaborate and imposing. In none of the Episcopal Churches of the City is the celebration of high festivals carried out with greater splendor than within the historic walls of old Trinity, and yesterday's services in honor of the resurrection of the Saviour were no exception to the general rule. The ritual was simple at the same time that it was imposing, the music and singing of the choicest, the flowers magnificent, and the attendance of worshipers overwhelming. The scene within the chancel during the celebration of the communion service was peculiarly impressive. The richly-decorated altar, illuminated by the blaze of countless tapers, outshining the warm Spring sunshine struggling through the stained glass windows, the figures of the officiating clergy, whose voices rung out above the subdued notes of the organ, the white-robed choristers, and the vast assemblage of worshipers occupying every inch of space from the foot of the chancel to the doors and beyond, presented a picture of devotion not often witnessed. The bases of the massive candelabra at either side of the altar, blazing with hundreds of tapers, were hidden in banks of tropical flowers and shrubs of beautiful foliage, while those in the choir were wreathed with smilax. The reredos was festooned with evergreens, and over the gilded cross on the altar was placed a floral crown of pinks and carnations of chaste designs. At either side of the cross was placed a superb collection of colored flowers, and at its base a large bouquet; there were lofty candles in gilded candlesticks placed either side. At the rear of the altar were the following inscriptions in yellow on a crimson ground, "Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us," "Therefore let us keep the feast." The drapery of the lectern, pulpit, and reading desks, like that of the altar, was, as is usual on festive occasions, of white and gold, typical of the rejoicing of the church. At either side of the chancel-steps, piled high against the pillars, was a superb bank of rare flowers and shrubs in pots, artistically arranged, and emitting a delightful fragrance. The foliage was arranged with a very pleasing effect, the base being hidden in ferns, creeping vines, and ivy. The lectern was also imbedded in rich flowers and foliage, and wreathed with smilax and ferns. The baptismal font, which was perhaps the most conspicuous object in the church, was surmounted by a pyramid of flowers fully three feet high, composed of fragrant calla lillies, camellias, azaleas, pinks, carnations, violets, heliotropes, hyacinths and roses, beautifully garnished with ferns, ivy, and smilax. The crush of people was so great that even the steps of the chancel were invaded, and many persons occupied seats between the banks of flowers. Mr. A. R. Mesier presided at the chancel organ and led the choir, while Mr. Henry Carter presided at the great organ. A brass and string band of thirty-five pieces, under the direction of Mr. Morgan, occupied the organ gallery, and the choir consisted of thirty male voices. The officiating clergymen were Rev. Dr. Dix, Rector; Rev. Dr. Hitchings, Rev. Dr. Ogilby, Rev. Dr. Rush, and two assistants. The first service was the celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 A. M. At 9 A. M. morning prayer was read, and at its conclusion the children of the Sunday-school sung their Easter carols. At 10 o'clock Mr. James E. Ayliffe rung a selection of Easter hymns on the bells and at 10:30 the regular communion service was begun. The rush of people to gain admittance was very great—far in excess of the accommodations of the spacious temple. Many who attended morning prayer remained in the church, while the throng outside rapidly increased. At 10 o'clock an immense crowd surrounded the main and side entrances, unable to get even near the doors, and hundreds, finding the attempt to gain admission hopeless, abandoned the attempt and left to look for accommodation in other churches. A number of Police officers were stationed within and without the church, to aid the attendants in keeping back the crowd. A passage was cleared, through which those having pews in the church were allowed to pass. Long before the beginning of the service the capacity of the building was fully tested, the seats being filled and the aisles completely blocked by those who were satisfied to find even standing room. After a voluntary on the great organ, the processional hymn, "Christ the Lord is risen to-day," was sung with full band and organ accompaniment, by the choir, who marched in procession from the vestry-room, and took their places in the chancel. The Sacrament was then celebrated, Rev. Drs. Dix, Ogilby, Hitchings, and Rush officiating. After the Lord's Prayer had been chanted, the following anthem by Handel was sung with marked expression and power:

"Sing, O ye heavens! Earth from thy centre shout: break forth ye mountains into songs of joy, O forest and each tree therein.

Jehovah hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel. Hallelujah! Amen."

The service was continued with the "Gloria Tibi," by Haydn, and the "Nicene Creed" Mass in B flat by Schubert. Rev. Dr. Dix delivered a short address appropriate to the day, in which he dwelt on the universality of the celebration of the Saviour's triumph over the grave, and urged his hearers to lift themselves above the things of the world and long to see for themselves the beautiful world which Christ had prepared for his people. At the offertory the choir sang "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands," the "Sanctus," by Schubert, and "Agnus Dei." "O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace," were subsequently rendered.

Holy Communion was administered, a voluntary being played the while. The "Gloria in Excelsis" was rendered by the full choir, the band and two organs participating. The choir then chanted "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Dix. The processional hymn, "At the Lamb's High Feast we sing," which was sung by the choir while retiring, closed the services. While the congregation were slowly dispersing, the orchestra performed Mozart's Fourth Symphony.

The afternoon service also attracted an immense crowd, and the programme as previously published was followed with much interest.

AT ST. ALBAN'S.

The Easter festival was yesterday celebrated at St. Alban's Church, in West Forty-seventh street, with all the impressive ceremony of the Protestant Episcopal High Church. The altar was beautifully decorated with flowers. A harp of lilies, tube-roses, tea roses, and immortelles were placed in front of the Bible, and two tall Pascal candles were placed in golden candlesticks on either side of the altar alcove. A like Pascal candle was placed in a tall candlestick of crimson and gold on the left of the chancel. The services were begun by the entrance of the full choir, preceded by a censer-bearer, two banner-bearers, with silk banners embroidered with Scriptural designs, and the paper-bearer, clothed in crimson gowns, with white surplices, and bearing lighted candles. The procession marched slowly to the altar, singing the solemn procession hymn. The Introit, "Preserve me, O God, for in Thee have I put my trust," which was succeeded by the reading of the regular introductory service, the responses being chanted by the choir. The epistle of the day was then read from the third chapter of Colossians, followed by the singing of the hymn "Christ the Lord is risen to-day." The second chapter of the Gospel of St. John was next read, and during its delivery the incense lamp was swung, filling the atmosphere with a cloud of perfumed vapor that pervaded the entire building. This ceremony was followed by the chanting of the Nicene Creed, with organ accompaniment, and the offering of the usual prayers. Rev. Dr. Morrill then ascended the pulpit and preached the Easter sermon from the text "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it," Psalm cxviii.: 24. And at its conclusion the choir sang the anthem, "Christ being raised from the dead," by Elvey. Preparations were then made for the celebration of the Holy Communion. The altar and chancel, which had previously been lighted by the three Pascal candles, was now illuminated by the entire row of about thirty wax tapers. The communicants then approached the chancel, and knelt in prayer to receive the Communion bread and wine. During the reception of these sacraments the choir sang the adoration hymn, "O, come, let us adore Him." At the conclusion of the holy feast the Lord's Prayer was chanted, followed by the usual prayer of thanksgiving. The choir then retired slowly, singing the recessional hymn, "Anno Dimittis," which concluded the services.

ST. ANN'S-ON-THE-HEIGHTS.

At 9:30 A. M., the time when the choir boys and the Sunday-school children had gathered to sing their Easter carols, St. Ann's-on-the-Heights, Brooklyn, was densely crowded. At the rear of the altar the orange-colored banner of the cross had been elevated, the cross in white, barred with red near the extremes. In front of the altar the letters I. H. S. in white roses and lilies were prominently displayed, and a harp of white flowers bordered with leaves of green, was hung near the sanctuary. On a line with the harp and extending on both sides, were wreaths and circles of flowers and green leaves, and large vases filled with masses of vines and evergreens, interspersed with flowers, and surmounted by a cross of the same inlaid with a diminutive cross, in red, were placed on both sides of the choir. Back from the chancel, and along and over both aisles, to the organ loft, were hung the banners borne by the Sunday-school children on processional occasions, the organ itself being elaborately decorated with flowers. The short address of the Rector was based on a portion of the lesson for the day, "Christ our Passover." Dr. Schenck claiming that all the sacrifices that were ever made, from that of righteous Abel down, were but types, and foreshadowed the atoning sacrifice which Christ was to make, once for all, for the sins of the whole world; and that as the blood of the paschal lamb was sprinkled upon the door-posts of the faithful, that the angels of the Lord might know who were the chosen people, and thus be enabled to pass over them, and not smite their first-born, so should the faithful followers of Christ sprinkle the door-posts of their hearts with the atoning cloud of the Paschal Lamb of Calvary, in order that Christ might be enabled to recognize His own at His coming. The musical part of the programme, under the direction of Dr. Cutler, the organist, assisted by a competent quartet and chorus, was well rendered, and well received by the vast audience.

The Bishop has appointed Sunday, the 18th day of April, at the hour of evening service, as the occasion of his annual visit to this church, for the purpose of administering the rite of confirmation.

HENRY VARLEY AT THE RINK.

After the meetings for three successive Sundays at the Hippodrome under the auspices of the Evangelical Committee had proved so successful, the committee concluded to hold a series of similar meetings every evening this week, commencing last evening, at the Third Avenue Rink, which will accommodate about ten thousand people, and as more compact, and better adapted for such meetings than the Hippodrome was. The Rink was thoroughly filled at the time the services began. The platform from which Mr. Varley spoke was erected in the centre of the north side of the Rink, and on it, besides Mr. Varley, were Mr. William E. Dodge, Sr., who actively supervised the proceedings; the quartet of the Seventh Regiment Band, composed of two silver cornet players and a euphoneum and tuba players, under the leadership of Mr. C. W. Wernig; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hutchinson, and Mr. Henry Hutchinson and a procentor. The flags and bunting with which the ceiling of the Rink is usually decorated remained in position, and all the gas-jets and chandeliers were lighted, brilliantly illuminating the vast building, and giving it a brighter aspect than the Hippodrome presented. The Hippodrome was given free, but the Rink is paid for, and the total expenses of the series of meetings for the week is estimated at about $1,500. In order to help defray this expense, the innovation of taking up a collection each evening has been introduced. Another innovation is the opening of a coat and hat check room at the entrance, at which fifteen cents is charged for keeping these articles. The exercises were begun by the singing of the hymn, "Arise, my soul, arise," and, after prayer he read as his text a portion of the twenty-second chapter of St. Matthew, dwelling particularly upon the guest who came to the marriage feast without a wedding garment, and upon those who, when invited to the feast, made all kinds of frivolous excuses for not accepting the invitation. After the singing by Jesse Hutchinson of the hymn, "I love to tell the story," Mr. Varley read the fourteenth chapter of St. Luke in a loud, clear voice, that could be distinctly heard in the remotest parts of the Rink.

Many remained after the service to take part in a prayer-meeting. The collection taken amounted to a little over $500, being an average contribution of about two cents for each person present. The Third Avenue Railroad Company put on forty extra cars to give increased accommodation to the multitudes going to and from the Rink.

AMONG THE GERMANS.

Among the Germans the day was duly observed, and the German churches were numerously attended. Several reunions and entertainments came off in the evening at the head-quarters of the different German vocal and musical organizations. The Saengerrunde gave an entertainment at the Germania Assembly Rooms. The Bloomingdale Turn Verein had an exhibition of Turner gymnastics by the pupils of the Turn school and a parade by the Turner cadets at their hall in Forty-fourth street. This was followed by a ball. The Aton Society had a children's reception at its hall in St. Mark's place in the afternoon. The Helvetia Maennerchor, a choral society principally composed of Swiss, gave an entertainment at the Tentonia Assembly Rooms, consisting of vocal and musical exercises. The Schillerbund gave a musical and dramatic entertainment at the Turn Hall in Fourth street. The Beethoven Maennerchor gave a concert at its hall in Fifth street, which was also followed by a ball.

IN NEW-JERSEY.

Easter Day was very generally observed in all the Episcopalian and Catholic churches, and in some churches of other denominations, throughout the State of New-Jersey. In St. Peter's Church, Jersey City, Father Treanor, of St. Francis Xavier Church, New-York, preached the sermon, and Mme. De Lesuont, of St. Stephen's Church, New-York, assisted in the choir. The choir of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church on Sussex street was increased to sixteen voices, and cornets and alto horns assisted in the rendering of the music. Special services were provided in St. Stephen's (Roman Catholic) Church, Church of the Redeemer, (Universalist,) and other Newark churches; and in the First Baptist Church the quartet choir sang the "Te Deum" and an Easter anthem. The attendance in all the churches was large, and the floral decorations were tasteful.

THE FASHIONS ON THE AVENUE.

In deference to custom, Fifth avenue was yesterday literally crowded; just after 12 o'clock from about Thirtieth street, as high up as Fiftieth, it was scarcely possible to move, and several times, the throng was so dense that it was brought to a stand-still for some minutes before circulation was resumed. Thanks to the beautiful bright weather the view extended far into the distance, and the variegated and shifting mass of humanity, and the long procession of carriages presented a charming *coup d'œil*. The display of ladies' toilets was superb. The delightful temperature and clear sky, of which New-Yorkers have been deprived for so long a period, allowed one to anticipate a glance at many beautiful Spring toilets. This, however, was not afforded. Whether ladies feared to make the sudden change from Winter to Spring garments, or whether many of the magnificent velvet suits in wear had, in consequence of the severe Winter, only just been brought to light, cannot be affirmed, but one may incline to the latter supposition, as many of the toilets appeared as though they had just been imported and unpacked. The greater number of costumes were a combination of purple faille and velvet, and of purple matelassé and faille. Some very showy toilets were of dark blue velvet and faille. In spite of the Parisian authorities' announcement that the use of jet beads was on the decline, the fair sex do not seem willing as yet to abandon this showy mode, for the new silk cuirasses, aprons, and even underskirts, are covered with jet. A number of black faille toilets were adorned with blue steel beads, and lace heavily worked with the latter. Many of the Spring bonnets were worn with velvet suits; there may be singled out one among these worn with a purple velvet suit; it was made of white chip, and trimmed with lilac and purple. On the outside of this bonnet, in front of the crown, there were two small ostrich tips, one purple and the other lilac; from the back hung two long ends of ribbon, also in the two colors. A wreath of fine lilac and purple flowers extended across the brim below, which was very broad. This was one of the most stylish bonnets on the avenue. Many light velvet Winter styles, and gray felts had evidently been retrimmed for the occasion. Among these were noticeable many sky-blue velvets, ornamented with wreaths of forget-me-nots. Some of the black straws were trimmed with yellow, and others with scarlet. There were noticeable two or three of each of the above-described combinations, but by far the larger proportion of bonnets were trimmed with black and white. Some were of black straw with heavy white broché scarfs, placed around the crown, and twisted pieces and white bows of the same material on the inside. Others had simply a bunch of white flowers on the outside and another inside. These there were a few enriched with short ostrich tips on the outside, and with long ends at the back. Several were trimmed with satin ribbon. One bonnet was covered with white silk and trimmed with small black ostrich tips; another, covered with white silk, had a pearl-colored feather hanging over the crown. This is the first indication of the Parisian style of white bonnets being adopted here. It is to be hoped that American ladies do not intend abandoning their independent mode of dress adhered to for the past few years with so much success. We acknowledge that from the sight of comparatively large a number of black and white bonnets we fear this is a tendency in that direction. Several Spring suits were noticeable in plaid materials, such as black and white, and two shades of gray, but not, however, any in the beautiful bright colors which have been predicted by Parisian authorities as likely to be popular. It is to be remembered, though, that it is rather early in the season to decide upon what will be most worn, and the lateness of the Spring has much retarded new local fashions. As yet but few sunshades are in use, but one cannot refrain from noticing a large parasol displayed on the avenue yesterday and covered with peacock's feathers; this was very elegant, and, it is needless to add, unique. Observers also remarked a fan worn at the side of the skirt, and ornamented at the top with peacock's feathers. Before closing it may be suggested that when the avenue is as crowded as it was yesterday it would prove more agreeable to all promenaders if, instead of one side of the street being comparatively deserted while what is termed the fashionable side is so thronged that all pleasure of walking is destroyed, the opposite side of the thoroughfare were resorted to by a charitable and spirited minority. Everybody would profit by this move, and only the *flâneur*, mindful of pretty faces and handsome toilets, would suffer from a not unwelcome ill—an *embarras de richesses*.

A LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE ENDED.

TRIBUTES OF RESPECT TO THE LATE JOHN L. VAN BOSKERCK—HIS OFFICIAL ASSOCIATES HONOR HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER—THE FUNERAL TO-DAY.

The Custom-house Inspectors and officials of the Barge Office held a meeting at the latter place yesterday afternoon to take suitable action upon the death of John L. Van Boskerck. The meeting was called to order by Gen. George H. Sharpe. Hon. James L. Benedict was chosen chairman, and, after stating the object of the gathering, appointed Mr. A. B. Cornell, Col. Burton, and Inspectors Mitchell, Banks, and Urley a committee to draft appropriate resolutions. Other committees were named, and the following memorial was read by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted:

Whereas, We have heard, with the profoundest sorrow, of the death of John L. Van Boskerck, who was appointed Inspector of Customs more than forty-four years ago, and who, for forty-three of those years, has held the position of Inspector aiding the Surveyor, and as such has been our superior officer; therefore,

Resolved, That while we, the officers of the Surveyor's Department of the Port of New-York, lament our loss, we derive some consolation from the fact that the deceased has passed a long, honorable, and recognized allotment of human existence, and, like Abraham, "died at a good old age, an old man full of years." But we derive much more consolation in the fact that during the greater portion of those years thus spent in the actual service of the Government, with an arduous responsibility resting upon him, oftimes trying, difficult, and vexatious, still malice, too often associated with envy and discontentment, never dared charge him with an act of dishonor or injustice. Nor did the mildew of a suspicious wrong ever blight his name or fame. In all his official life he was earnest, active, and industrious, and in all his acts proved himself an honest man—the noblest work of God. As a disciplinarian of exactness and inflexible justice; as an officer of incorruptible integrity; as a man in whose bosom the noblest impulses of humanity had a preponderating place; as a citizen who was above reproach; as a patriot whose heart always beat responsive to the calls and interests of his country, in war or in peace—as such we honored him in life and cherish his memory in death; recognizing the sterling attributes of his character as enduring "land-marks on the cliffs of life" worthy to be witnessed and read of men, and worthy to be imitated.

Resolved, That while we tender to the family of the deceased our sincere condolence upon the sad bereavement which has removed from the domestic circle its affectionate and honored head, we sincerely trust that the principles he inculcated and the virtues he practiced, and which had begun to bloom in them as an inheritance, will take from grief its pang and from sorrow its sting, and in their place plant that exultant faith which assumes that the just shall rise, and that they shall meet again in that home where death never enters and parting is unknown.

Resolved, That out of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Barge Office and the chair which he occupied be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Captains of vessels in the port be respectfully invited to place their flags at half-mast to-morrow, the day of the funeral.

Gen. Sharpe, previous to the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, delivered a high tribute to the life and public services of the deceased gentleman, and was followed by Gen. Cochrane and Mr. B. Van Riper. The funeral services over the remains of Mr. Van Boskerck will be held this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in Trinity Church.

AN AMATEUR MINSTREL SHOT.

An amateur minstrel entertainment at Woodbury Falls, N. Y., on Saturday night, was broken up by a party of roughs from Vail's Gate, near Newburg. Blows were freely exchanged, and a free fight in the hall was only prevented by the prompt intervention of Mr. Myers, one of the minstrel troupe. The combatants then adjourned to the road, the performers leaving the stage in full costume, and a general melée ensued, in which William Garner, the banjo-man, was dangerously, if not fatally, shot by one of the roughs named Calhoun. The ball entered Garner's head just above the left ear, and glanced downward into the throat, where it is still lodged. Garner is in a very critical condition, and steps have been taken for the arrest of Calhoun and his party. Another of the minstrels had his cheek cut open by one of Calhoun's sheets.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

A flag presentation to the Old Guard will take place this afternoon at Irving Hall, at 3 o'clock.

The calico hop of the New-York Masquerade Club will take place this evening at Ferrero's Assembly Rooms.

The annual reception of the Twenty-second Infantry, N. G. S. N. Y., will take place at the armory in Fourteenth street this evening at 8.

The Howard Glee Club will sing at Steinway Hall for the benefit of the New-York Homoeopathic Fair Association, on Friday evening next, April 2.

Dr. William F. Thoms will lecture on the "Law of Storms," before the New-York Nautical School, No. 92 Madison street, this evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

John Ginna, aged eighteen, of No. 346 East Twenty-third street, fell from the front platform of a Second avenue car, near Houston street, last evening, and fractured an arm.

A grand musical and literary entertainment, in honor of Mariner's Division No. 448, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, at the Alanson M. E. Church, Norfolk street, near Grand.

John Cantwell, of No. 523 West Twenty sixth street, fell overboard yesterday at the foot of West Twenty-fifth street, and was saved from drowning by the revenue cutter Chandler.

An entertainment for the benefit of the "Helping Hand," in connection with Home Industrial School No. 1, will be held this evening at Home Chapel, No. 29 East Twenty-ninth street.

A fair by the ladies of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be held at the Masonic Temple, corner of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, to-morrow evening, and on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Last evening John Daly, living at No. 291 Tenth avenue, quarreled with his wife Anna, at their residence and beat and kicked her until she became unconscious. The woman was taken to Bellevue Hospital, and John was locked up.

James Scott, a young man, fell overboard on Saturday night, at the foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, Harlem River. He was rescued from drowning, and taken to Ward's Island, where he died yesterday from exhaustion. Coroner Croker was notified to hold an inquest.

A decision upon the bill of exceptions filed in the case of Michael Murphy, a laborer, of Jersey City, who was convicted of murder in the first degree for shooting Mrs. Hujus, at Nanuet, in Rockland County, on the 19th of April, 1874, will be given by the Supreme Court, General Term, in Brooklyn, next Tuesday.

Several men were employed in the Rink yesterday for the lecture in the evening by Henry Varley, the London preacher. One of them got drunk in the morning while at work, and was discharged by John Nason, the foreman. A fight was the result. Judge Murray sent the assailant, William Flood, to the Island for a month.

A large number of people assembled on the Battery yesterday at 12 o'clock, anticipating a demonstration on the part of the Irish civic and military societies in honor of the late John Mitchel, and a possible conflict between them and the Police authorities. Their curiosity was not gratified, however, the parade having been abandoned.

The funeral of Otto Schumann, a private in Company I, Eleventh Regiment, took place from his residence yesterday. The members of Company I, Capt. Otto Hentzman commanding, paraded in full uniform, and, preceded by the regimental band, acted as an escort. The remains were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery, where a military salute was fired over the grave.

The reopening of Barnum's Hippodrome for a brief season of two weeks will take place to-night. New and interesting additions have been made to the programme, which now includes the spectacular pageant "The Fête at Pekin" and a grand tableau entitled "The Vision of Honris," which enlists the services of eight hundred and fifty persons, and includes an "Amazon March" by two hundred ladies, clad in golden armor. The walking match between William E. Harding and the lady pedestrian, Mlle. Lola, will be continued during the week.

Yesterday morning Henry Williams, of No. 371 Broome street, with a companion, entered the grocery store of John Peppar, No. 196 Mott street. They were both intoxicated, and assaulted Ripke, the clerk. He ran behind the counter and, seizing a revolver, fired three shots at his assailants, one of which struck Williams in the left side, inflicting a slight wound. Williams was attended by Police Surgeon McLeod, and locked up at the Mulberry Street Police Station, but his companion escaped. Ripke was also detained.

The annual meeting of the New-York Church Extension and Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will be held in the Free Tabernacle Church, West Thirty-fourth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, on this (Monday) evening. J. B. Cornell, Esq., will preside, and Rev. Bishop Janes, Rev. J. F. McClelland, Rev. R. L. Dashiel, Rev. Bishop Andrews, Rev. J. M. Chapman, Rev. W. H. Abbott, Rev. L. H. King, and Gen. Clinton B. Fisk will take part in the exercises. Music under the direction of Prof. G. P. Benjamin. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Michael Carey, of No. 803 Seventh avenue; John Halpin, of No. 846 First avenue; John Sheridan, of No. 829 Eighth avenue; Hugh Reilly, of No. 888 Eighth avenue; Patrick Byrne, of No. 868 Seventh avenue; Charles Hanley, of No. 773 Seventh avenue; and Patrick Daley, of No. 806 Eighth avenue, were arrested on Saturday afternoon by officers of the Board of Excise, and paroled until yesterday morning, when they appeared at the Yorkville Police Court, and gave bail to answer. On the same afternoon John Reynolds, of No. 161 West Fifty-first street, and John Rooney, of No. 548 West Fifty-second street, were arrested and locked up over night. Judge Murray held them also for trial.

The regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Episcopal City Missions was held last evening in the Calvary Church, corner of Twenty-second street and Fourth avenue. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the place of meeting, there was but a small number present. The exercises were commenced by the celebration of the shortened evening service, after which Dr. Van Rossbroeck read a paper upon "Bellevue Hospital," in which he described the management of the hospital, the religious services given for the benefit of the patients, and the sanitary improvements effected during the past two years. The address treated at some length the institution for training nurses, and described its general management.

NEW-JERSEY.

A gentleman named McGuire, and his wife were driving through Bridge street, Newark, Saturday evening, when they encountered a quantity of earth piled up in the street. The wagon was overturned and broken into pieces. McGuire and his wife sustained severe injuries.

The friends of Michael Sullivan, the condemned Metuchen murderer, have presented to the Court of Pardons a petition asking for the commutation of his sentence. The Court of Pardons have so far done nothing in the matter. It is not thought that Gov. Bedle will grant any reprieve.

A man signing himself Rev. Newton Vogel has of late been sending letters dated from Newark to residents of Elizabeth and other cities, representing that relatives of the party to whom the letters were addressed had died in his house, and asking the party addressed to reimburse him for funeral expenses. To what extent he succeeded in swindling citizens by the device is not known.

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